



# DECK LOG BOOK

OF THE

U.S.S. ABILITY

MS0519

IDENTIFICATION NUMBER

Attached to { MIN DIV 85 Division,  
MIN RON 8 Squadron,  
SIXTH Fleet,  
Naval District,

Commencing 0001 +3P 1 Aug, 1968,  
(zone time and date)

at SEA,  
(location)

and ending 2400 -1A 31 Aug, 1968,  
(zone time and date)

at PALMA, SPAIN.  
(location)

Approved by: J. Lancaster Commanding

J. LANCASTER, LT. USN

# DECK LOG—REMARKS SHEET

0105-904-1020

USS ABILITY (MSO-513) ZONE DESCRIPTION +3P DATE THURSDAY 1 AUGUST 19 68  
(Day) (Date) (Month)  
AT/PASSAGE FROM CHARLESTON, SOUTH CAROLINA TO ROTA, SPAIN

| POSITION                               | ZONE | TIME |
|----------------------------------------|------|------|
| 0800<br>L <u>33°-27.0N</u> BY <u>2</u> |      |      |
| λ <u>55°-29.0W</u> BY <u>2</u>         |      |      |

| POSITION                               | ZONE | TIME |
|----------------------------------------|------|------|
| 1200<br>L <u>33°-31.0N</u> BY <u>1</u> |      |      |
| λ <u>54°-51.5W</u> BY <u>1</u>         |      |      |

| POSITION                               | ZONE | TIME |
|----------------------------------------|------|------|
| 2000<br>L <u>33°-38.0N</u> BY <u>1</u> |      |      |
| λ <u>53°-21.0W</u> BY <u>1</u>         |      |      |

LEGEND: 1-CELESTIAL  
2-ELECTRONIC  
3-VISUAL  
4-D. R.

## REMARKS

04-04 STEAMING IN DIAMOND FORMATION IN COMPANY WITH TASK UNIT 27.3.2 ENROUTE TO ROTA, SPAIN FROM CHARLESTON, SOUTH CAROLINA IN ACCORDANCE WITH CINCLANTFLT QUARTERLY OP SCHEDULE. USS ABILITY (MSO-513) IS THE GUIDE IN STATION # 1. USS NOTABLE (MSO-460) IS IN STATION # 2. USS SALUTE (MSO-470) IS IN STATION # 3. USS RECOVERY (ARS 43) IS IN STATION # 5. USS CHEWAUGAN (AOE-50) IS IN STATION # 6. BASE COURSE IS 081°T. BASE SPEED 10 KTS. AND STANDARD DISTANCE IS 500 YDS. OTC IS COMINEDIV 85 EMBARKED THIS VESSEL. SHIP IS IN CONDITION WATCH FOUR WITH MATERIAL CONDITION Yoke SET.

C. D. Herscher,  
C. D. HERSCHER, LTJG, USN

04-04 UNDERWAY AS BEFORE.

B. R. Moffett  
BR. MOFFETT, LTJG, USN

08-12 UNDERWAY AS BEFORE. 0813 COMMENCED REFUELING FROM U.S.S. CHEWAUGAN (AOE-50) 0922 SECURED REFUELING FROM U.S.S. CHEWAUGAN, 4878 GALLONS. 0923 STEERING VARIOUS COURSES AT VARIOUS SPEED TO TAKE STATION ON U.S.S. CHEWAUGAN, RANGE 2000 YARDS, BEARING 081°T. FROM U.S.S. CHEWAUGAN. 0936 ARRIVED ON STATION.

V. H. Jands  
V. H. JANDS, (H49), USNR

EXAMINED

U. S. N. NAVIGATOR

DECK LOG—REMARKS SHEET

USS ABILITY (MSO-519)

DATE THURSDAY 31 <sup>1 AUGUST</sup> ~~5114~~ 19 <sup>68</sup> ~~68~~  
(Day) (Date) (Month)

10m.

REMARKS—CONTINUED

12-16 UNDERWAY AS BEFORE. STEERING VARIOUS COURSES AND VARIOUS SPEEDS TO TAKE STATION ON USS RIVAL (MSO-468). RANGE 1500 YARDS, BEARING 26°T. 1214 SHIFTED GUIDE TO USS ABILITY (MSO-519). 9/5 10 KTS.

C.D. Herscher

C.D. HERSCHER, LTJG USN

16-20 UNDERWAY AS BEFORE. 1630 DETACHED USS. RECOVERY (ARS-43) TO PROCEED AHEAD OF FORMATION. 1859 GUIDE OF FORMATION SHIFTED TO USS. CHEWaucan (AO-50) WHEN ON STATION THIS SHIP SHOULD BEAR 243°T AT 2350 YARDS. 1910 MANEUVERING TO REMAIN ON STATION.

BR. Moffett

BR. MOFFETT, LTJG, USN.

20-24 UNDERWAY AS BEFORE.

V.H. Hanks  
V.H. HANKS, (TCR), USN

EXAMINED:

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U. S. N. NAVIGATOR

# DECK LOG—REMARKS SHEET

0105-904-1020

USS ABILITY (MSO-519) ZONE DESCRIPTION +3P DATE FRIDAY 2 AUGUST 19 68  
(Day) (Date) (Month)  
AT/PASSAGE FROM CHARLESTON, SOUTH CAROLINA TO ROTA-SPAIN

| POSITION      | ZONE | TIME |
|---------------|------|------|
| 0800          |      |      |
| L 34° 02.0' N | BY 1 |      |
| λ 51° 03.5' W | BY 1 |      |

| POSITION      | ZONE | TIME |
|---------------|------|------|
| 1200          |      |      |
| L 34° 02.9' N | BY 1 |      |
| λ 50° 10.0' W | BY 1 |      |

| POSITION      | ZONE | TIME |
|---------------|------|------|
| 2000          |      |      |
| L 34° 22.8' N | BY 1 |      |
| λ 49° 06.8' W | BY 1 |      |

LEGEND: 1-CELESTIAL  
2-ELECTRONIC  
3-VISUAL  
4-D. R.

## REMARKS

04-04 STEAMING IN DIAMOND FORMATION IN COMPANY WITH TASK UNIT 27.3.2 ENROUTE TO ROTA, SPAIN FROM CHARLESTON, SOUTH CAROLINA IN ACCORDANCE WITH CINPLANTFLT QUARTERLY OP SCHEDULE. USS NEWMAKAW (AOB-50) IS THE GUIDE IN STATION # 6. THIS SHIP IS IN STATION # 1. USS NOTABLE (MSO-460) IS IN STATION # 2. USS SALUTE (MSO-470) IS IN STATION # 3. USS RUAL (MSO-460) IS IN STATION # 4. USS RECOVERY (ARS-43) IS IN STATION # 5. BASE COURSE IS 080° T. BASE SPEED 10 KTS., AND STANDARD DISTANCE IS 500 YDS. WHEN ON STATION THE GUIDE BEARS 253° T AT 2350 YDS. OTC IS COMING ON ENBARKED THIS VESSEL. SHIP IS IN CONDITION WATCH FOUR WITH MATERIAL CONDITION Yoke Set.

C.D. Herscher

C.D. HERSCHER, LTJG-USA

04-04 UNDERWAY AS BEFORE. STEERING VARIOUS COURSES AT VARIOUS SPEED TO MAINTAIN STATION.

BR. McFETT  
BR. McFETT, LTJG, USN.

08-12 UNDERWAY AS BEFORE. 08 COMMENCED 2-10-CC TRACKING DRILL 0815 COMMENCED GENERAL QUARTERS DRILL 09 SECURED 2-10-CC TRACKING DRILL 0930 SECURED GENERAL QUARTERS DRILL 0930 HELD STEERING CASUALTY DRILLS 1035 SECURED FROM STEERING CASUALTY DRILL 1040 STEERING VARIOUS COURSES AT VARIOUS SPEEDS TO REGAIN STATION ONE IN FORMATION DELTA.

J. H. Jones  
J. H. JONES, LTJG, USN

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W. F. E. E. E.

U. S. N. NAVIGATOR

DECK LOG—REMARKS SHEET

USS ABILITY (MSO-519)

DATE FRIDAY 2 AUGUST 1968  
(Day) (Date) (Month)

REMARKS—CONTINUED

12-16 UNDERWAY AS BEFORE. STEERING VARIOUS COURSES AND VARIOUS SPEEDS TO TAKE STATION ON USS CHEWAWAN (AGC-50) RANGE 2350 YDS. BEARING 252° T. 1204 SHIFTED GUIDE TO USS ABILITY (MSO-519). 1303 COMMENCED Z-13-CC DRILLS. 1500 SECURED FROM Z-13-CC DRILLS.

C. D. Herscher

C. D. HERSCHER, LTJG USN

16-18 UNDERWAY AS BEFORE.

BR. M. Moffett  
BR. MOFFETT, LTJG, U.S.N.

18-20 UNDERWAY AS BEFORE. 0645 SHIFTED GUIDE TO U.S.S. RECOVERY (ARS-43)

✓ H. ✓ ANDERSON  
✓ H. ✓ ANDERSON, (LTJG), USNR

20-24 UNDERWAY AS BEFORE.

C. D. Herscher  
C. D. HERSCHER LTJG USN

EXAMINED:

W. F. Elwood, Jr.

U. S. N. NAVIGATOR

# DECK LOG—REMARKS SHEET

0105-904-1020

USS ABILITY (MSO-519) ZONE DESCRIPTION +3P DATE  SATURDAY 3 AUG. 19 68  
(Day) (Date) (Month)  
PASSAGE FROM CHARLESTON SOUTH CAROLINA TO ROTA, SPAIN

| POSITION                             | ZONE | TIME |
|--------------------------------------|------|------|
| 0800<br>L 34°-40.0'N<br>λ 46°-50.0'W | BY 4 | BY 4 |

| POSITION                             | ZONE | TIME |
|--------------------------------------|------|------|
| 1200<br>L 34°-40.0'N<br>λ 46°-04.5'W | BY 1 | BY 1 |

| POSITION                             | ZONE | TIME |
|--------------------------------------|------|------|
| 2000<br>L 34°-48.8'N<br>λ 44°-47.0'W | BY 2 | BY 2 |

LEGEND: 1-CELESTIAL  
2-ELECTRONIC  
3-VISUAL  
4-D. R.

## REMARKS

00-04 STEERING IN A FORMATION DELTA WITH USS. ABILITY (MSO-519) IN STATION ONE, USS. NOTABLE (MSO-468) IN STATION TWO, U.S.S. SPURITE (MSO-470) IN STATION THREE, U.S.S. RIVAL (MSO-468) IN STATION FOUR, U.S.S. RECOVERY (ARS-43) IN STATION SIX, ACTING GUIDE AND U.S.S. CHEQUAMUN (AO-50) IN STATION FIVE, ENROUTE FROM CHARLESTON SOUTH CAROLINA TO ROTA, SPAIN. FORMATION COURSE IS 081 SPEED TEN KNOTS. SOPA IS COMINEDIV EIGHT FIVE EMBARKED THIS VESSEL. OTC IS COMINEDIV EIGHT FIVE. CONDITION OF READINESS FOUR WITH MATERIAL CONDITION YOKE SET. STEERING VARIOUS COURSES AT VARIOUS SPEED TO MAINTAIN STATION, WHICH SHOULD BEAR 270°T AT 2350 YARDS.

BR. *[Signature]*  
BR. MOFFATT, LTJG, USN

04-08 UNDERWAY AS BEFORE.

*[Signature]*  
V. H. VAUGHN, LTJG, USN

8-12 UNDERWAY AS BEFORE. 0819 SHIFTED GUIDE TO USS ABILITY (MSO-519) IN STATION # 1.

C.D. Herscher  
C.D. HERSCHER, LTJG USN

EXAMINED

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U. S. N. NAVIGATOR

TO BE FORWARDED TO THE BUREAU OF NAVAL PERSONNEL AT THE END OF EACH MONTH

W. P. ELWOOD, JR., LTJG, USN

DECK LOG—REMARKS SHEET

USS ABILITY (M50-519)

DATE SATURDAY 3 AUG 1968  
(Day) (Date) (Month)

REMARKS—CONTINUED

12-16 UNDERWAY AS BEFORE. 1307 COMMENCED STEERING  
VARIOUS COURSES AT VARIOUS SPEEDS WHILE PARTICIPATING  
IN TACTICAL DRILLS. 1335 CAPTAIN HAS THE CONN. 1450  
OOD HAS THE CONN. 1455 COMPLETED TACTICAL DRILLS.

*BR. Moffett*  
BR. MOFFETT, LTJG, USN.

16-20 UNDERWAY AS BEFORE.

*J. H. Sands*  
J. H. SANDS, (+5), USNR

20-24 UNDERWAY AS BEFORE.

*C. D. Herscher*  
C. D. HERSCHER, LTJG USN

EXAMINED:

*W. F. Elwood Jr.*  
W. F. ELWOOD, JR., LT. USN

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W. F. ELWOOD, JR., LT. USN

# DECK LOG—REMARKS SHEET

0105-904-1020

USS ABILITY (MSO-519) ZONE DESCRIPTION +3P DATE SUNDAY 4 AUGUST 19 68  
(Day) (Date) (Month)

AT/PASSAGE FROM CHARLESTON, SOUTH CAROLINA TO ROTA, SPAIN

| POSITION                      | ZONE | TIME |
|-------------------------------|------|------|
| 0800<br>L 35° 05.5' N<br>BY 4 |      |      |
| λ 42° 25.0' W<br>BY 4         |      |      |

| POSITION                      | ZONE | TIME |
|-------------------------------|------|------|
| 1200<br>L 35° 08.6' N<br>BY 4 |      |      |
| λ 41° 46.5' W<br>BY 4         |      |      |

| POSITION                      | ZONE | TIME |
|-------------------------------|------|------|
| 2000<br>L 35° 20.5' N<br>BY 1 |      |      |
| λ 40° 13.0' W<br>BY 1         |      |      |

LEGEND: 1-CELESTIAL  
2-ELECTRONIC  
3-VISUAL  
4-D. R.

## REMARKS

00-04 STEERING IN A DIAMOND FORMATION WITH U.S.S. ABILITY (MSO-519) IN STATION ONE, AS GUIDE, U.S.S. NOTABLE (MSO-460) IN STATION TWO, U.S.S. SALUTE (MSO-470) IN STATION THREE, U.S.S. RIVAL (MSO-460) IN STATION FOUR, U.S.S. CHEWAWCAN (MSO-500) IN STATION FIVE, U.S.S. BRIM RECOVERY (ARLARS-43) IN STATION SIX, ENROUTE FROM CHARLESTON SOUTH CAROLINA TO ROTA SPAIN IN ACCORDANCE WITH CMD AS OPERATIONS ORDER J-69. FORMATION COURSE 041°T, SPEED 10 KNOTS. SOPA IS COMINEDIV AS EMBARKED THIS SHIP. OTC IS COMINEDIV AS. CONDITION OF READINESS FOUR AND MATERIAL CONDITION YOKE SET. 0006 U.S.S. CHEWAWCAN DETACHED AND PROCEEDING AHEAD INDEPENDENTLY. 0300 COMMENCED BATHY THERMOGRAPH DROP. 0320 COMPLETED BATHY THERMOGRAPH DROP.

BR. *[Signature]*  
BR. MOFFETT, LTJG, USN

04-08 UNDERWAY AS BEFORE.

*[Signature]*  
J. J. VAUDS, (+49), USUR

08-12 UNDERWAY AS BEFORE. STEERING VARIOUS COURSES AT VARIOUS SPEEDS IN ORDER TO TAKE STATION 500 YDS ASTERN OF U.S.S. CHEWAWCAN (ARLARS-43) FOR REPLENISHMENT. 0808 STATIONED REPLENISHMENT DETAIL. 0841 FUELING HOSE ON DECK. 0843 COMMENCED RECEIVING DIESEL FUEL. 0859 COMPLETED REFUELING. 0900 DISENGAGED FUELING RIG. 0903 ALL LINES CLEAR OF SHIP. 0904 STEERING VARIOUS COURSES AT VARIOUS SPEEDS IN ORDER TO TAKE STATION 2000 YDS. AHEAD OF CHEWAWCAN. 0907 SECURED REPLENISHMENT DETAIL HAVING RECEIVED 3,182 GALLONS OF DIESEL FUEL. 0926 STEERING VARIOUS COURSES AT VARIOUS SPEEDS IN ORDER TO CONFORM WITH THE MOVEMENTS OF THE GUIDE. 1133 SHIFTED GUIDE TO THIS SHIP. OC 081°T, 10 KTS.

C.D. HERSCHER  
C.D. HERSCHER, LTJG, USN

EXAMINED

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U. S. N. NAVIGATOR

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W. F. EDWOOD, JR., LT, USN

DECK LOG—REMARKS SHEET

USS ABILITY (M90-519)

DATE SUNDAY 4 AUG. 19 64  
(Day) (Date) (Month)

REMARKS—CONTINUED

12-16 UNDERWAY AS BEFORE. 1505 COMMENCED BATHY THERMO-  
GRAPH DROP. 1525 COMPLETED BATHY THERMOGRAPH DROP.

BR. W. J. L. P.  
BR. MOFFETT, LTJG, USN.

16-20 UNDERWAY AS BEFORE. C/S 8 KNOTS.

✓ 1/4, VANDS, (1/4), USNR  
✓ 1/4, VANDS, (1/4), USNR

20-24 UNDERWAY AS BEFORE.

C. D. Herscher  
C. D. HERSCHER, LTJG USN

EXAMINED:

W. F. Elwood, Jr. U. S. N. NAVIGATOR

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W. F. ELWOOD, JR., LT. USN

DECK LOG—REMARKS SHEET

0105-904-1020

USS ABILITY (M30-519) ZONE DESCRIPTION +3P DATE MONDAY 5 AUGUST 19 68  
(Day) (Date) (Month)  
AT/PASSAGE FROM CHARLESTON, SOUTH CAROLINA TO ROTA, SPAIN

| POSITION          | ZONE        | TIME |
|-------------------|-------------|------|
| 0800              |             |      |
| L <u>35°37.5N</u> | BY <u>1</u> |      |
| λ <u>38°08.8W</u> | BY <u>1</u> |      |

| POSITION          | ZONE        | TIME |
|-------------------|-------------|------|
| 1200              |             |      |
| L <u>35°41.0N</u> | BY <u>1</u> |      |
| λ <u>37°20.0W</u> | BY <u>1</u> |      |

| POSITION          | ZONE        | TIME |
|-------------------|-------------|------|
| 2000              |             |      |
| L <u>35°48.5N</u> | BY <u>1</u> |      |
| λ <u>35°36.5W</u> | BY <u>1</u> |      |

LEGEND: 1-CELESTIAL  
2-ELECTRONIC  
3-VISUAL  
4-D. R.

REMARKS

00-04 STEERING IN A DIAMOND FORMATION WITH U.S.S. ABILITY (M30-519) IN STATION ONE, AS GUIDE, U.S.S. NOTABLE (M30-460) IN STATION TWO, U.S.S. SALUTE (M30-470) IN STATION THREE, U.S.S. RIVAL (M30-460) IN STATION FOUR, U.S.S. RECOVERY (ARS-43) IN STATION SIX ENROUTE FROM CHARLESTON SOUTH CAROLINA TO ROTA, SPAIN IN ACCORDANCE WITH CMDR'S OPERATIONS ORDER 1-69. U.S.S. CHEWAUCHAN (MCG-50) STEERING INDEPENDENTLY. FORMATION COURSE 081°T, SPEED 8 KNOTS. SOPR IS COMINEDIV AS EMBARKED THIS SHIP. OTC IS COMINEDIV AS. CONDITION OF READINESS FOUR AND MATERIAL CONDITION YOKE SET. 0024 FORMATION SPEED 10 KNOTS. 0200 SET CLOCKS AHEAD ONE HOUR TO CONFORM TO +2 ZONE TIME.

BR. MUNDT  
BR. MUNDT, LTJG, USN

00-06

04-08 UNDERWAY AS BEFORE. 0600 SHIFT GUIDE TO U.S.S. NOTABLE (M30-460), U.S.S. ABILITY (M30-519) PROCEEDING INDEPENDENTLY. C/S 13 KNOTS.

✓ 17 ANDS  
✓ 14 ANDS, HCIS, USNR

08-12 UNDERWAY AS BEFORE.

C.P. Herscher  
C.P. HERSCHER, LTJG USN

EXAMINED

W. F. ELMOOD, JR.

U. S. N. NAVIGATOR

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W. F. ELMOOD, JR., LT. USN

DECK LOG—REMARKS SHEET

USS ABILITY (MSO-519)

DATE Monday 5 August 1968  
(Day) (Date) (Month)

REMARKS—CONTINUED

12-16 UNDERWAY AS BEFORE. 1300 COMMENCED TACTICAL  
DRILL Z-13-CC. 1415 SECURED TACTICAL DRILL Z-13-CC.  
1503 STEERING VARIOUS COURSES AT VARIOUS SPEEDS  
WHILE MANEUVERING INDEPENDENTLY.

*V. H. Vandas*  
V. H. VANDAS, HC(9), USNR

18-20 UNDERWAY AS BEFORE.

*C. D. Herscher*  
C. D. HERSCHER, LTJG USN

20-24 UNDERWAY AS BEFORE.

*BR. Moffett*  
BR. MOFFETT, LTJG, USN

EXAMINED:

*W. F. Elwood, Jr.*

U. S. N. NAVIGATOR

# DECK LOG—REMARKS SHEET

0105-904-1020

USS ABILITY (MSO-519) ZONE DESCRIPTION +20 DATE TUESDAY 6 AUGUST 19 68  
(Day) (Date) (Month)  
AT/PASSAGE FROM CHARLESTON, SOUTH CAROLINA TO ROTA, SPAIN

| POSITION           | ZONE        | TIME |
|--------------------|-------------|------|
| 0800               |             |      |
| L <u>35°54.5'N</u> | BY <u>1</u> |      |
| λ <u>33°10.0'W</u> | BY <u>1</u> |      |

| POSITION           | ZONE        | TIME |
|--------------------|-------------|------|
| 1200               |             |      |
| L <u>35°57.5'N</u> | BY <u>1</u> |      |
| λ <u>32°18.0'W</u> | BY <u>1</u> |      |

| POSITION           | ZONE        | TIME |
|--------------------|-------------|------|
| 2000               |             |      |
| L <u>36°05.0'N</u> | BY <u>1</u> |      |
| λ <u>30°35.5'W</u> | BY <u>1</u> |      |

LEGEND: 1-CELESTIAL  
2-ELECTRONIC  
3-VISUAL  
4-D. R.

## REMARKS

04-04 STEAMING IN A DIAMOND FORMATION WITH U.S.S. ABILITY (MSO-519) IN STATION ONE, AS GUIDE, U.S.S. NOTABLE (MSO-460) IN STATION TWO, U.S.S. SALUTE (MSO-470) IN STATION THREE, U.S.S. RIVAL (MSO-468) IN STATION FOUR, U.S.S. RECOVERY (ARS-43) IN STATION SIX ENROUTE FROM CHARLESTON, SOUTH CAROLINA TO ROTA, SPAIN IN ACCORDANCE WITH CMD 85 OPERATIONS ORDER 1-69. U.S.S. CHEWAUGAN (AO-50) STEAMING INDEPENDENTLY. FORMATION COURSE 085°T SPEED 10 KNOTS. SOPA IS COMINEDIV 85 EMBARKED THIS SHIP. OTC IS COMINEDIV 85. CONDITION OF READINESS FOUR AND MATERIAL CONDITION YOKE SEC.

*[Signature]*  
J. H. VANDS, LTJG, USNR

04-08 UNDERWAY AS BEFORE.

*[Signature]*  
C. P. HERSCHER, LTJG

08-12 UNDERWAY AS BEFORE. 0905 SET 285 RPM BOTH SHAFES AND SPEED 14 KTS. MANEUVERING TO TAKE STATION ASTERN USS CHEWAUGAN (AO-50). 0947 SET THE SPECIAL SEA AND REPLENISHMENT DETAIL. 1000 COMMENCED APPROACH, CAPTAIN AT THE CONN. MANEUVERING AT VARIOUS COURSES AND SPEEDS TO TAKE STATION FOR REFUELING. 1010 FIRST LINE OVER. 1011 RECEIVED FIRST FUEL HOSE. 1013 COMMENCED RECEIVING FUEL. 1042 FUELING COMPLETED. 1045 ALL LINES AND NOSE CLEAR, RECEIVED 4914 GALLONS OF DIESEL FUEL. MANEUVERING TO CLEAR STARBOARD SIDE OF CHEWAUGAN. 1048 SECURE THE REPLENISHMENT DETAIL. STEERING VARIOUS COURSES AND VARIOUS SPEEDS WHILE MANEUVERING INDEPENDENTLY.

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C. P. HERSCHER, LTJG USNR

U. S. N. NAVIGATOR

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W. F. KIMWOOD, JR., LTJG, USNR

DECK LOG—REMARKS SHEET

USS ABILITY (M50-519)

DATE TUESDAY 6 AUGUST 1968  
(Day) (Date) (Month)

REMARKS—CONTINUED

12-16 UNDERWAY AS BEFORE. 1542 STEERING VARIOUS COURSES AT VARIOUS SPEEDS WHILE MANEUVERING INDEPENDENTLY. 1540 C/C 085°T C/S 13 KNOTS.

*V. H. VANDS*  
*V. H. VANDS, (+C/S) USNR*

16-20 UNDERWAY AS BEFORE. 1723 STEERING VARIOUS COURSES AT VARIOUS SPEEDS WHILE PROCEEDING TO STATION ONE IN THE DIAMOND FORMATION. FORMATION COURSE 085°T, SPEED 10 KNOTS. 1726 GUIDE OF FORMATION SHIFTED FROM USS. RECOVERY (ARS-43) TO USS. NOTABLE (M50-460). 1730 USS. ABILITY (M50-519) IN STATION ONE. 1734 GUIDE OF FORMATION SHIFTED TO USS. ABILITY (M50-519)

*BR. Moffett*  
*BR. MOFFETT, LTJG, USN*

20-24 UNDERWAY AS BEFORE. 2231 C/S 5 kts 2307 C/S 10 kts

*V. H. VANDS*  
*V. H. VANDS, (+C/S) USNR*

EXAMINED:

*W. F. Elwood, Jr.* U. S. N. NAVIGATOR

# DECK LOG—REMARKS SHEET

0105-904-1020

USS ABILITY (MSO-519) ZONE DESCRIPTION +20 DATE WEDNESDAY 7 AUGUST 19 68  
(Day) (Date) (Month)  
AT/PASSAGE FROM CHARLESTON, SOUTH CAROLINA TO ROTA, SPAIN

| POSITION                               | ZONE | TIME |
|----------------------------------------|------|------|
| 0800<br>L <u>36°14.0'N</u> BY <u>1</u> |      |      |
| λ <u>28°25.0'W</u> BY <u>1</u>         |      |      |

| POSITION                               | ZONE | TIME |
|----------------------------------------|------|------|
| 1200<br>L <u>36°16.0'N</u> BY <u>1</u> |      |      |
| λ <u>27°44.5'W</u> BY <u>1</u>         |      |      |

| POSITION                               | ZONE | TIME |
|----------------------------------------|------|------|
| 2000<br>L <u>36°22.0'N</u> BY <u>1</u> |      |      |
| λ <u>26°15.0'W</u> BY <u>1</u>         |      |      |

LEGEND: 1-CELESTIAL  
2-ELECTRONIC  
3-VISUAL  
4-D. R.

## REMARKS

~~04-04~~ STEAMING IN A DIAMOND FORMATION. WITH USS ABILITY (MSO-519) IN STATION ONE AS THE GUIDE, USS NOTABLE (MSO-460) IN STATION TWO, USS SALUTE (MSO-470) IN STATION THREE, USS RUAL (MSO-468) IN STATION FOUR, USS RECOVERY (ARS-43) IN STATION SIX, AND USS CHEWALCAN (AOB-50) STEAMING INDEPENDENTLY ENROUTE FROM CHARLESTON, SOUTH CAROLINA TO ROTA, SPAIN IN ACCORDANCE WITH CMD 85 OPERATIONS ORDER 1-69. FORMATION COURSE 085°T SPEED 10 KTS. SOPA IS COMINERIV 85 EMBARKED THIS SHIP. OTC IS COMINERIV 85. CONDITION OF READINESS FOUR AND MATERIAL CONDITION YOKO SET. 0200 SET ALL CLOCKS AHEAD TO CONFORM TO +1 N.

C. D. Herscher  
C. D. HERSCHER, LTJG USN

~~04-04~~ UNDERWAY AS BEFORE.

BR. ~~W. F. ELWOOD~~  
BR. MOFFETT, LTJG, U.S.N.

~~08-12~~ UNDERWAY AS BEFORE. 0831 STEERING VARIOUS COURSES AT VARIOUS SPEEDS WHILE MANEUVERING INDEPENDENTLY. 0833 SHIFTED GUIDE TO USS CHEWALCAN (AOB-50). 1100 SET THE LIGHT-LINE REPLENISHMENT DETAIL. STEERING REPLENISHMENT COURSE 085°T, SPEED 8 KTS. 1135 FIRST LINE OVER. 1136 COMMENCE RECEIVING TRANSFER. 1146 TRANSFER COMPLETED. ALL LINES CLEAR OF THE SHIP. 1148 SECURED REPLENISHMENT DETAIL. C/C 078°T. C/S 12 KTS.

C. D. Herscher  
C. D. HERSCHER, LTJG USN

EXAMINED

*W. F. Elwood Jr.*

U. S. N. NAVIGATOR

TO BE FORWARDED TO THE BUREAU OF NAVAL PERSONNEL AT THE END OF EACH MONTH

W. F. ELWOOD, JR. LT. USN

DECK LOG—REMARKS SHEET

USS ABILITY (MSO-519)

DATE WEDNESDAY 7 AUGUST 1968  
(Day) (Date) (Month)

REMARKS—CONTINUED

\*12-16 UNDERWAY AS BEFORE 1300 COMMENCED TACTICAL  
DRILLS Z-13-CC 1450 SECURED TACTICAL DRILLS  
Z-13-CC 1510 STEERING VARIOUS COURSES AT  
VARIOUS SPEED WHILE MANEUVERING INDEPENDENTLY.

*J. K. Lange*  
J. K. LANGE LTJG USNR

16-20 UNDERWAY AS BEFORE.

*J. K. Lange*  
J. K. LANGE LTJG USNR

20-24 UNDERWAY AS BEFORE

*C. D. Herscher*  
C. D. HERSCHER LTJG USN

EXAMINED:

*W. F. Elwood, Jr.*  
U. S. N. NAVIGATOR

DECK LOG—REMARKS SHEET

0105-904-1020

USS ABILITY (MSO-519) ZONE DESCRIPTION +11N DATE THURSDAY 8 AUGUST 1968  
AT/PASSAGE FROM CHARLESTON, S.C. TO ROTA, SPAIN

| POSITION     | ZONE | TIME |
|--------------|------|------|
| 0800         |      |      |
| L 36° 25' 1N | BY 1 |      |
| λ 23° 41' 0W | BY 1 |      |

| POSITION     | ZONE | TIME |
|--------------|------|------|
| 1200         |      |      |
| L 36° 24' 0N | BY 1 |      |
| λ 22° 42' 0W | BY 1 |      |

| POSITION     | ZONE | TIME |
|--------------|------|------|
| 2000         |      |      |
| L 36° 24' 3N | BY 1 |      |
| λ 21° 15' 2W | BY 1 |      |

LEGEND: 1-CELESTIAL  
2-ELECTRONIC  
3-VISUAL  
4-D. R.

REMARKS

00-04 STEERING IN A DIAMOND FORMATION WITH U.S. ABILITY (MSO-519) IN STATION ONE AS GUIDE, U.S.S. RECOVERY (ARS-43) IN STATION TWO, U.S.S. NOTABLE IN STATION THREE, U.S.S. SABLE (MSO-478) IN STATION FOUR, U.S.S. CHEWACAN (AOB-58) IN STATION SIX, U.S.S. RIVAL (MSO-46A) STEERING INDEPENDENTLY, ENROUTE FROM CHARLESTON SOUTH CAROLINA TO ROTA SPAIN IN ACCORDANCE WITH CMD AS OPERATIONS ORDER L-69. FORMATION COURSE 085°T, SPEED 10 KNOTS. SOPR IS COMINEDIV AS EMBARKED THIS SHIP. OTC IS COMINEDIV AS. CONDITION OF READINESS FOUR AND MATERIAL CONDITION YOKE SET. 0045 U.S.S. RIVAL (MSO-46A) ASSUMED STATION FIVE IN DIAMOND FORMATION. 0151 FORMATION COURSE 090°T.

BR M. J. McFATT  
BR McFATT, LTJG, USN

04-08 UNDERWAY AS BEFORE.

✓ H. VANDS  
✓ H. VANDS, (TYS), USNR

08-12 UNDERWAY AS BEFORE.

C. D. Herscher  
C. D. HERSCHER, LTJG USN

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W. F. ELWOOD, JR., LT. USN

DECK LOG—REMARKS SHEET

USS ABILITY (M60-519)

DATE THURSDAY 8 AUGUST 1968  
(Day) (Date) (Month)

REMARKS—CONTINUED

12-16 UNDERWAY AS BEFORE. 1300 COMMENCED  
TACTICAL DRILLS Z-13-CC 1500 SECURED FROM  
TACTICAL DRILLS Z-13-LC. 1501 RESUMED STATION 1  
IN DIAMOND FORMATION AS GUIDE.

*[Signature]*  
V. H. IVANDS, LTJG, USNR

16-20 UNDERWAY AS BEFORE.

*[Signature]*  
J. P. LAUBE, LTJG, USNR

20-24 UNDERWAY AS BEFORE.

*[Signature]*  
BR. MOFFETT, LTJG, USN

EXAMINED

*[Signature]*

U. S. N. NAVIGATOR

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W. F. ELWOOD, JR., LT. USN

DECK LOG—REMARKS SHEET

0105-904-1020

USS ABILITY (M50-519) ZONE DESCRIPTION +1N DATE FRIDAY 9 AUGUST 19 68  
(Day) (Date) (Month)  
AT/PASSAGE FROM CHARLESTON, SOUTH CAROLINA TO ROTA, SPAIN

| POSITION            | ZONE        | TIME |
|---------------------|-------------|------|
| 0800                |             |      |
| L <u>36° 23.0'N</u> | BY <u>1</u> |      |
| λ <u>19° 00.0'W</u> | BY <u>1</u> |      |

| POSITION            | ZONE        | TIME |
|---------------------|-------------|------|
| 1200                |             |      |
| L <u>36° 23.0'N</u> | BY <u>1</u> |      |
| λ <u>18° 15.0'W</u> | BY <u>1</u> |      |

| POSITION            | ZONE        | TIME |
|---------------------|-------------|------|
| 2000                |             |      |
| L <u>36° 19.5'N</u> | BY <u>1</u> |      |
| λ <u>16° 45.0'W</u> | BY <u>1</u> |      |

LEGEND: 1-CELESTIAL  
2-ELECTRONIC  
3-VISUAL  
4-D. R.

REMARKS

0800-04 STEAMING IN A DIAMOND FORMATION WITH  
USS. ABILITY (M50-519) IN STATION ONE AS GUIDE,  
U.S.S. NOTABLE (M50-460) IN STATION TWO, USS RIVAL  
(M50-470) IN STATION THREE, USS. SALUTE (M50-468)  
IN STATION FIVE, WITH U.S.S. RECOVERY (ARS-43) OPERATING INDEPENDENTLY.  
ENROUTE FROM CHARLESTON, SOUTH CAROLINA TO ROTA,  
SPAIN IN ACCORDANCE WITH CMD 85 OPERATIONS  
ORDER 1-69. FORMATION COURSE 090°T SPEED 10 KNOTS.  
SOPA IS COMINEDIV 85 EMBARKED THIS SHIP. OTC  
IS COMINEDIV 85 EMBARKED THIS SHIP. CONDITION  
OF READINESS FOUR AND MATERIAL CONDITION YOKE  
SET. 0200 SET CLOCKS AHEAD ONE HOUR TO  
CONFORM WITH +0 (ZULU) TIME

*[Signature]*  
V. H. SANDS, LT(jg), USNR

04-08 UNDERWAY AS BEFORE.

C. D. Herscher  
C. D. HERSCHER, LTJG USN

08-12 UNDERWAY AS BEFORE. 0750 C/S 9 KNOTS.  
1110 U.S.S. RECOVERY (ARS-43) JOINED FORMATION IN  
STATION SIX. 1120 U.S.S. RECOVERY IN STATION TWO  
U.S.S. NOTABLE (M50-460) IN STATION SIX.

*[Signature]*  
V. H. SANDS, LT(jg), USNR

EXAMINED

*[Signature]*

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DECK LOG—REMARKS SHEET

USS ABILITY (MSO-519)

DATE FRIDAY 9 AUG 19 68  
(Day) (Date) (Month)

REMARKS—CONTINUED

12-16 UNDERWAY AS BEFORE.

C.D. Herscher

C.D. HERSCHER, LTJG USN

16-20 UNDERWAY AS BEFORE.

J.K. Lange  
J.K. LANGE LTJG USN

20-24 UNDERWAY AS BEFORE.

J.H. Sands  
J.H. SANDS, LTJG USN

EXAMINED:

W.F. Elwood, Jr.

U. S. N. NAVIGATOR

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W. F. ELWOOD, JR. LT. USN

# DECK LOG—REMARKS SHEET

0105-904-1020

USS ABILITY (MSO-519) ZONE DESCRIPTION 10(Z) DATE SATURDAY 10 AUG. 19 68  
(Day) (Date) (Month)  
AT/PASSAGE FROM CHARLESTON, SOUTH CAROLINA TO ROTA, SPAIN

| POSITION            | ZONE | TIME |
|---------------------|------|------|
| 0800<br>L 36°18.0'N | BY 1 |      |
| λ 14°-26.0'W        | BY 1 |      |

| POSITION            | ZONE | TIME |
|---------------------|------|------|
| 1200<br>L 36°12.5'N | BY 1 |      |
| λ 13°56.0'W         | BY 1 |      |

| POSITION            | ZONE | TIME |
|---------------------|------|------|
| 2000<br>L 36°11.0'N | BY 1 |      |
| λ 12°36.0'W         | BY 1 |      |

LEGEND: 1-CELESTIAL  
2-ELECTRONIC  
3-VISUAL  
4-D. R.

## REMARKS

08-04 STEAMING IN A DIAMOND FORMATION WITH USS ABILITY (MSO-519) IN STATION ONE AS GUIDE. USS RECOVERY (ARS-43) IN STATION TWO, USS SAWYER (MSO-470) IN STATION THREE, USS RIVAL (MSO-468) IS IN STATION FOUR, USS NOTABLE (MSO-460) IN STATION SIX, AND USS CHEWAWGAN (AOG-50) IN STATION FIVE. ENROUTE FROM CHARLESTON, SOUTH CAROLINA TO ROTA, SPAIN IN ACCORDANCE WITH CHD 85 OPERATIONS ORDER 1-69. FORMATION COURSE 090°T SPEED 9KTS SOPA IS COMING ON 85 EMBARKED THIS SHIP. OTC IS COMING ON 85 EMBARKED THIS SHIP. CONDITION OF READINESS FOUR AND MATERIAL CONDITION Yoke Set.

C. P. Herscher

C. P. HERSCHER, LTTC USN

04-04 UNDERWAY AS BEFORE. 0630 BASE SPEED 7 KNOTS.

BR. McHETT  
BR. McHETT, LTTC, USN

08-12 UNDERWAY AS BEFORE. 0819 COMMENCED REFUELING FROM U.S.S. CHEWAWGAN (AOG-50). 0930 SECURED REFUELING HAVING TAKEN ON 5700 GALLONS OF DIESEL FUEL. 0938 TOOK STATION ONE IN COLUMN OPEN ORDER FORMATION.

J. H. Sands  
J. H. SANDS, LTJG, USN

EXAMINED

*[Signature]*

U. S. N. NAVIGATOR

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W. F. BLWOOD, JR., LT. USN

DECK LOG—REMARKS SHEET

USS ABILITY (MSO-519)

DATE SATURDAY 10 Aug. 1968  
(Day) (Date) (Month)

REMARKS—CONTINUED

12-16 UNDERWAY AS BEFORE. 1212 SET THE REPLENISHMENT DETAIL COMMENCED PREPARATIONS FOR LIGHT LINE TRANSFER WITH USS RIVAL (MSO-468) ON STATION. REPLENISHMENT COURSE 090° T SPEED 7 KTS. 1256 FIRST LINE OVER. 1257 COMMENCED LIGHT LINE TRANSFER. 1305 ALL LINES CLEAR. 1308 SECURED THE REPLENISHMENT DETAIL. 1315 TOOK STARBOARD ENGINE OFF THE LINE. STEERING COURSE 090° T SPEED 8.5 KTS. 1428 STARBOARD ENGINE BACK ON THE LINE.

C. D. Herscher

C. D. HERSCHER, LTJG USN

16-20 UNDERWAY AS BEFORE.

J. R. LAUSE LTJG USN

20-24 UNDERWAY AS BEFORE. 2319 C/C 085° T

J. H. VANDS  
J. H. VANDS, (HQS), USNR

EXAMINED:

*[Signature]*

U. S. N. NAVIGATOR

DECK LOG—REMARKS SHEET

0105-904-1020

USS ABILITY (MSO 519) ZONE DESCRIPTION +0(Z) DATE SUNDAY 11 AUGUST 19 68  
(Day) (Date) (Month)  
AT/PASSAGE FROM CHARLESTON, SOUTH CAROLINA TO ROTA, SPAIN

| POSITION            | ZONE        | TIME |
|---------------------|-------------|------|
| 0800                |             |      |
| L <u>36° 15.4'N</u> | BY <u>1</u> |      |
| λ <u>10° 34.5'W</u> | BY <u>1</u> |      |

| POSITION            | ZONE        | TIME |
|---------------------|-------------|------|
| 1200                |             |      |
| L <u>36° 13.0'N</u> | BY <u>1</u> |      |
| λ <u>09° 51.2'W</u> | BY <u>1</u> |      |

| POSITION            | ZONE        | TIME |
|---------------------|-------------|------|
| 2000                |             |      |
| L <u>36° 13.5'N</u> | BY <u>1</u> |      |
| λ <u>08° 22.0'W</u> | BY <u>1</u> |      |

LEGEND: 1-CELESTIAL  
2-ELECTRONIC  
3-VISUAL  
4-D. R.

REMARKS

00-04 STEAMING IN A DIAMOND FORMATION WITH USS ABILITY (MSO-519) IN STATION ONE AS GUIDE. USS RECOVERY (ARS-43) IN STATION TWO. USS SALUTE (MSO-470) IN STATION THREE. USS RIVAL (MSO-468) IS IN STATION FOUR. USS NOTABLE (MSO-460) IN STATION FIVE. USS CHEWAWAN (AGC-50) IN STATION SIX. ENROUTE FROM CHARLESTON, SOUTH CAROLINA TO ROTA, SPAIN IN ACCORDANCE WITH RMD 85 OPERATIONS ORDER 1-69. FORMATION COURSE 085°T SPEED 9 KTS. SOPA IS COMMEDIV 85 EMBARKED THIS SHIP. OTC IS COMMEDIV 85 EMBARKED THIS SHIP. CONDITION OF READINESS FOUR AND MATERIAL CONDITION Yoke Set. 0200 SET CLOCKS AHEAD 1 HOUR TO CONFORM WITH -1A ZONE TIME.

BR. *[Signature]*  
BR. MOFFETT, LTJG, USN

04-08 UNDERWAY AS BEFORE.

*[Signature]*  
V. H. VANDS, HC(19), USNR

08-12 UNDERWAY AS BEFORE.

*[Signature]*  
V. H. VANDS, HC(19), USNR

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*[Signature]*

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W. F. KENNEDY, JR., LT. USN

DECK LOG—REMARKS SHEET

USS ABILITY (MSO-519)

DATE SUNDAY 11 AUGUST 19 68  
(Day) (Date) (Month)

REMARKS—CONTINUED

12-16 UNDERWAY AS BEFORE. 1244 SHIFTED GUIDE TO USS SABLE  
(MSO-470) IN STATION THREE. 1300 COMMENCED ENGINEERING  
ECONOMY TRIALS. STEERING  $\phi 85^{\circ}T$  SPEED 13 KNOTS 275 RPM

C. D. Herscher  
C. D. HERSCHER, LTJG USN

16-20 UNDERWAY AS BEFORE.

~~J. R. GANES~~ LTJG USNR

20-24 UNDERWAY AS BEFORE 2052 C/S 12 KNOTS  
212803 11 KNOTS 2150 C/C  $\phi 78^{\circ}T$  2330 C/C  $\phi 75^{\circ}T$

J. H. VANDS  
J. H. VANDS, LTJG USNR

EXAMINED:

*W. F. Elwood, Jr.*

U. S. N. NAVIGATOR

# DECK LOG—REMARKS SHEET

0105-904-1020

USS ABILITY (CMSO-519) ZONE DESCRIPTION -1A DATE MONDAY 12 AUGUST 19 68  
(Day) (Date) (Month)  
AT/PASSAGE FROM CHARLESTON, SOUTH CAROLINA TO ROTA, SPAIN

| POSITION | ZONE     | TIME |
|----------|----------|------|
| 0800     |          |      |
| L _____  | BY _____ |      |
| λ _____  | BY _____ |      |

| POSITION | ZONE     | TIME |
|----------|----------|------|
| 1200     |          |      |
| L _____  | BY _____ |      |
| λ _____  | BY _____ |      |

| POSITION | ZONE     | TIME |
|----------|----------|------|
| 2000     |          |      |
| L _____  | BY _____ |      |
| λ _____  | BY _____ |      |

LEGEND: 1-CELESTIAL  
2-ELECTRONIC  
3-VISUAL  
4-D. R.

## REMARKS

ΦΦ-Φ4 STEAMING IN A COLUMN OPEN ORDER FORMATION WITH USS ABILITY (CMSO-519) IN STATION ONE AS GUIDE. USS RECOVERY (ARS-43) IN STATION TWO. ~~Φ~~ USS NOTABLE (CMSO-460) IN STATION THREE. USS RIVAL (CMSO-468) IN STATION FOUR. USS SALUTE (CMSO-470) IN STATION FIVE. USS CHEWAWCAN (AOG-50) IN STATION SIX. ENROUTE FROM CHARLESTON, SOUTH CAROLINA TO ROTA, SPAIN IN ACCORDANCE WITH COMINERIV 85 OPERATIONS ORDER 1-69. FORMATION COURSE Φ75°T, SPEED 9 KTS. SOPA IS COMINERIV 85 THIS SHIP EMBARKED THIS SHIP. OTC IS COMINERIV 85. SHIP IS IN CONDITION WATCH FOUR WITH MATERIAL CONDITION YAKE SET.

*J. H. Sands*  
J. H. SANDS, LTJG USN

Φ4-Φ8 UNDERWAY AS BEFORE. Φ4Φ2 COMMENCED INVESTIGATION OF SHIP BELIEVED TO BE RUSSIAN AGE. CONTACT IS PARALLELLING THIS SHIPS COURSE AND CLOSING. Φ416 CONTACT OPENED TO 1100 YDS AND HAS TURNED SOUTH. Φ443 °C Φ78°. Φ502 °C 7 KTS. Φ627 °C Φ71°, 1/2 10 KTS. Φ630 STATIONED THE SPECIAL SEA DETAIL FOR ENTERING PORT. COMMENCED STEERING VARIOUS COURSES AT VARIOUS SPEEDS WHILE ENTERING ROTA HARBOR. Φ709 RECEIVED PILOT BOAT ALONG STARBOARD QUARTER. Φ710 PILOT GONZALEZ IS ON THE BRIDGE. CAST OFF PILOT BOAT. Φ725 MOORED STARBOARD SIDE TO PIER AT THE US NAVAL STATION ROTA, SPAIN. Φ731 SECURED THE SPECIAL SEA DETAIL. Φ731 RECEIVED USS NOTABLE OUTBOARD TO PORT.

*C. D. Herscher*  
C. D. HERSCHER, LTJG USN

Φ8-12 MOORED AS BEFORE.

*J. H. Sands*  
J. H. SANDS, LTJG, USNR

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*W. F. Elwood, Jr.*  
U. S. N. NAVIGATOR

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W. F. ELWOOD, JR. LT. USN

DECK LOG—REMARKS SHEET

USS ABILITY (MSO-519)

DATE MONDAY 12 AUGUST, 19 68  
(Day) (Date) (Month)

REMARKS—CONTINUED

12-24 MOORED AS BEFORE.

C. D. Herscher

C. D. HERSCHER, LTJG USN

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W F E U. S. N. NAVIGATOR

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W. F. ELWOOD, JR. LT. USN

# DECK LOG—REMARKS SHEET

0105-904-1020

USS ABILITY (MSO-59) ZONE DESCRIPTION -1A DATE TUESDAY 13 AUGUST 19 68  
(Day) (Date) (Month)  
AT/PASSAGE FROM ROTA SPAIN TO \_\_\_\_\_

| POSITION | ZONE     | TIME |
|----------|----------|------|
| 0800     |          |      |
| L _____  | BY _____ |      |
| λ _____  | BY _____ |      |

| POSITION | ZONE     | TIME |
|----------|----------|------|
| 1200     |          |      |
| L _____  | BY _____ |      |
| λ _____  | BY _____ |      |

| POSITION | ZONE     | TIME |
|----------|----------|------|
| 2000     |          |      |
| L _____  | BY _____ |      |
| λ _____  | BY _____ |      |

LEGEND: 1-CELESTIAL  
2-ELECTRONIC  
3-VISUAL  
4-D. R.

## REMARKS

08-08 MOORED IN A NEST OF TWO SHIPS STARBOARD SIDE TO  
PIER TWO BORTH FOUR AT THE U.S. NAVAL STATION, ROTA  
SPAIN WITH STANDARD MOORING LINES DOUBLED. USS NOTABLE  
(MSO-460) MOORED OUTBOARD TO PORT SIDE THIS SHIP.  
RECEIVING FRESH WATER FROM THE PIER. SHIP IN CONDITION  
WATCH FIVE WITH MATERIAL CONDITION YOKES SET. OTHER SHIPS  
PRESENT INCLUDE VARIOUS UNITS OF THE U.S. ATLANTIC FLEET  
AND UNITS OF THE SPANISH NAVY. SOPA IS COMSUBRON 16.  
0745 MUSTERED THE CREW AT QUARTERS. ABSENTEES: NONE.

C. D. Herscher  
C. D. HERSCHER, LTJG

EXAMINED

*W. F. Elwood Jr.*

U. S. N. NAVIGATOR

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W. F. ELWOOD, JR., LT. USN

DECK LOG—REMARKS SHEET

USS FRIBILITY (MISO-519)

DATE TUESDAY 13 AUG. 1966  
(Day) (Date) (Month)

REMARKS—CONTINUED

DA-24 MOORED AS BEFORE.

B.R. McHaffett  
B.R. McHaffett, LTJG, U.S.N.

EXAMINED:

W.F. Elwood

U. S. N. NAVIGATOR

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W. F. ELWOOD, JR., LT, USN

# DECK LOG—REMARKS SHEET

0105-904-1020

USS ABILITY (MSO-519) ZONE DESCRIPTION -1A DATE WEDNESDAY 14 AUG. 19 64  
(Day) (Date) (Month)  
AT/PASSAGE FROM ROTA, SPAIN TO \_\_\_\_\_

| POSITION | ZONE     | TIME |
|----------|----------|------|
| 0800     |          |      |
| L _____  | BY _____ |      |
| λ _____  | BY _____ |      |

| POSITION | ZONE     | TIME |
|----------|----------|------|
| 1200     |          |      |
| L _____  | BY _____ |      |
| λ _____  | BY _____ |      |

| POSITION | ZONE     | TIME |
|----------|----------|------|
| 2000     |          |      |
| L _____  | BY _____ |      |
| λ _____  | BY _____ |      |

LEGEND: 1-CELESTIAL  
2-ELECTRONIC  
3-VISUAL  
4-D. R.

## REMARKS

~~00-00~~ MOORED IN A NEST OF TWO SHIPS STARBOARD SIDE TO PIER TWO BERTH FOUR AT THE U.S. NAVAL STATION ROTA SPAIN WITH STANDARD MOORING LINES DOUBLED. U.S.S. NOTABLE (MSO-460) MOORED OUTBOARD TO PORT THIS SHIP. RECEIVING FRESH WATER FROM THE PIER SHIP IN CONDITION WATCH FIVE WITH MATERIAL CONDITION YOKE SET. OTHER SHIPS PRESENT INCLUDE VARIOUS UNITS OF THE U.S. ATLANTIC FLEET AND UNITS OF THE SPANISH NAVY. SOPA IS COMSUBRON 16. 0745 MUSTERED THE CREW AT QUARTERS. ABSENTEES: NONE.

B.R. McFETTER  
B.R. McFETTER, LTJG, USN.

EXAMINED

*W. F. Elwood, Jr.*

U. S. N. NAVIGATOR

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W. F. ELWOOD, JR., LT. USN

DECK LOG—REMARKS SHEET

USS

*Arcturion (USO-579)*

DATE

*Wednesday 14 Aug 68*  
(Day) (Date) (Month)

REMARKS—CONTINUED

*08-24 MOORED AS BEFORE.*

*W. F. Elwood, Jr.*  
*117, VANDS, HC(S), USNR*

EXAMINED:

*W. F. Elwood, Jr.*

U. S. N. NAVIGATOR

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W. F. ELWOOD, JR. LT. USN

# DECK LOG—REMARKS SHEET

0105-904-1020

USS Abilene (MSO 519) ZONE DESCRIPTION 1 A DATE THURSDAY 15 AUG. 1968  
(Day) (Date) (Month)  
AT/PASSAGE FROM ROTA, SPAIN TO \_\_\_\_\_

| POSITION | ZONE     | TIME |
|----------|----------|------|
| 0800     |          |      |
| L _____  | BY _____ |      |
| λ _____  | BY _____ |      |

| POSITION | ZONE     | TIME |
|----------|----------|------|
| 1200     |          |      |
| L _____  | BY _____ |      |
| λ _____  | BY _____ |      |

| POSITION | ZONE     | TIME |
|----------|----------|------|
| 2000     |          |      |
| L _____  | BY _____ |      |
| λ _____  | BY _____ |      |

LEGEND: 1-CELESTIAL  
2-ELECTRONIC  
3-VISUAL  
4-D. R.

## REMARKS

00-08 MOORED IN ANGLE OF TWO SHIPS STARBOARD SIDE TO PIER TWO, BERTH FOUR AT THE U.S. NAVAL STATION ROTA, SPAIN WITH STANDARD MOORING LINES DOUBLED. U.S.S. NOTABLE (MSO-460) MOORED OUTBOARD TO PORT THIS SHIP. RECEIVING WATER FROM THE PIER. SHIP IN GOOD CONDITION. WATCH FIVE WITH MATERIAL CONDITION YOKES SET. OTHER SHIPS PRESENT INCLUDE VARIOUS UNITS OF THE U.S. ATLANTIC FLEET AND UNITS OF THE SPANISH NAVY. SOPA IS COMSUBRON 16. 0145 MUSTERED THE CREW AT QUARTERS. ABSENTEES: NONE

*[Signature]*  
J. F. VANDS, JR., USN

EXAMINED

*[Signature]*

U. S. N. NAVIGATOR

TO BE FORWARDED TO THE BUREAU OF NAVAL PERSONNEL AT THE END OF EACH MONTH

W. F. ELWOOD, JR., LT. USN

DECK LOG—REMARKS SHEET

USS

ABILITY (MSO-58)

DATE

THURSDAY 15 AUG. 1968

(Day)

(Date)

(Month)

REMARKS—CONTINUED

08-24

MOORED AS BEFORE.

C.D. Herscher

C.D. HERSCHER, LTTC USN

EXAMINED:

*W. M. Elwood, Jr.*

U. S. N. NAVIGATOR

TO BE FORWARDED TO THE BUREAU OF NAVAL PERSONNEL AT THE END OF EACH MONTH

W. M. ELWOOD, JR., LT. USN

# DECK LOG—REMARKS SHEET

0105-904-1020

USS ABILITY (MSO-519) ZONE DESCRIPTION -1A DATE FRIDAY 16 AUGUST 1968  
(Day) (Date) (Month)  
AT/PASSAGE FROM ROTA, SPAIN TO

| POSITION  | ZONE       | TIME |
|-----------|------------|------|
| 0800      |            |      |
| L <u></u> | BY <u></u> |      |
| λ <u></u> | BY <u></u> |      |

| POSITION           | ZONE        | TIME |
|--------------------|-------------|------|
| 1200               |             |      |
| L <u>36° 11.5N</u> | BY <u>2</u> |      |
| λ <u>06° 17.3W</u> | BY <u>2</u> |      |

| POSITION  | ZONE       | TIME |
|-----------|------------|------|
| 2000      |            |      |
| L <u></u> | BY <u></u> |      |
| λ <u></u> | BY <u></u> |      |

LEGEND: 1-CELESTIAL  
2-ELECTRONIC  
3-VISUAL  
4-D. R.

## REMARKS

~~08-08~~ MOORED IN A NEST OF TWO SHIPS STARBOARD SIDE TO PIER TWO, BERTH FOUR AT THE U.S. NAVAL STATION ROTA, SPAIN WITH STANDARD MOORING LINES DOUBLED. USS NOTABLE (MSO-460) MOORED OUTBOARD TO PORTSIDE THIS SHIP. RECEIVING WATER FROM THE PIER. SHIP IN CONDITION WATCH FIVE WITH MATERIAL CONDITION YOKES SET. OTHER SHIPS PRESENT INCLUDE VARIOUS UNITS OF THE U.S. ATLANTIC FLEETS AND UNITS OF THE SPANISH NAVY. SOPA IS COMSUBRON 16. 0745 MUSTERED THE CREW AT QUARTERS. ABSENTEES: NONE.

C. P. Herscher

C. P. HERSCHER, LTJG USN

08-12 MOORED AS BEFORE. ~~0830~~ COMMENCED PREPARATIONS FOR GETTING UNDERWAY. ~~0830~~ STATIONED THE SPECIAL SEA DETAIL. ~~0850~~ COMPLETED ALL PREPARATIONS FOR GETTING UNDERWAY. DRAFT: FORWARD 11' AFT 11'. 0921 UNDERWAY FOR GIBRALTAR, SPAIN AS A UNIT OF TASK GROUP 61.9 IN COMPLIANCE WITH COMSIXTHFLT QUARTERLY DEPLOYMENT SCHEDULE. MANEUVERING TO CLEAR THE ANCHORAGE. NAVIGATOR ON THE BRIDGE. 0930 STEERING VARIOUS COURSES AT VARIOUS SPEEDS STANDING OUT OF ROTA HARBOR. 0939 SECURED THE SPECIAL SEA DETAIL, SET THE REGULAR STEAMING WATCH. STEAMING IN A COLUMN FORMATION. USS ABILITY (MSO-519) IS THE GUIDE. USS NOTABLE (MSO-460) IS IN STATION TWO. 0940 C/C 230° T. 0946 C/C 220° T. SPEED 13 KTS. 1007 C/S 11 KTS. 1018 C/C 180° T. 1022 C/C 175° T. 1028 C/C 165° T. 1036 C/C 170° T. 1125 C/C 145° T.

C. P. Herscher

C. P. HERSCHER, LTJG USN

EXAMINED

*[Signature]*

U. S. N. NAVIGATOR

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W. F. ELWOOD, JR. LT. USN

DECK LOG—REMARKS SHEET

USS ABILITY (MSO 519)

DATE FRIDAY 16 AUGUST 1968  
(Day) (Date) (Month)

REMARKS—CONTINUED

Com. 12-16 1244 UNDERWAY AS BEFORE. 1244 c/c 130°T.  
1311 c/c 105°T. 1410 c/c 090°T 1515 c/c 075°T.  
1540 c/s 12 KNOTS.

C. D. Herscher  
C. D. HERSCHER, LTJG USN

16-20 UNDERWAY AS BEFORE. 1615 COMMENCED PREPARATIONS FOR ENTERING PORT. SOUNDED THE SPECIAL SEA AND ANCHOR DETAIL. 1620 COMPLETED ALL PREPARATIONS FOR ENTERING PORT. 1636 CAPTAIN HAS THE CONN, NAVIGATOR ON THE BRIDGE. 1642 BRITISH TUG CAME ALONGSIDE STARBOARD QUARTER. PILOT FREDICO CAME ABOARD. 1644 MANEUVERING TO GO ALONGSIDE THE PIER. 1654 MOORED PORTSIDE TO THE PIER BERTH 44 AT GIBRALTER UNITED KINGDOM WITH STANDARD MOORING LINES DOUBLED, WIRES FORE AND AFT. 1700 SECURED THE SPECIAL SEA AND ANCHOR DETAIL. 1715 PILOT LEFT THE SHIP. 1725 RECEIVING TELEPHONE SERVICES FROM THE PIER.

B.R. Moffett  
B.R. MOFFETT, LTJG, U.S.N.

20-24 MOORED AS BEFORE.

B.R. Moffett  
B.R. MOFFETT, LTJG, U.S.N.

EXAMINED:

*[Signature]* U. S. N. NAVIGATOR

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W. F. ELWOOD, JR. LT. USN

# DECK LOG—REMARKS SHEET

0105-904-1020

USS ABILITY (MSO-519) ZONE DESCRIPTION -1A DATE SATURDAY 17 AUGUST 19 68  
(Day) (Date) (Month)  
AT/PASSAGE FROM GIBRALTER, UNITED TO KINGDOM

| POSITION | ZONE     | TIME |
|----------|----------|------|
| 0800     |          |      |
| L _____  | BY _____ |      |
| λ _____  | BY _____ |      |

| POSITION | ZONE     | TIME |
|----------|----------|------|
| 1200     |          |      |
| L _____  | BY _____ |      |
| λ _____  | BY _____ |      |

| POSITION | ZONE     | TIME |
|----------|----------|------|
| 2000     |          |      |
| L _____  | BY _____ |      |
| λ _____  | BY _____ |      |

LEGEND: 1-CELESTIAL  
2-ELECTRONIC  
3-VISUAL  
4-D. R.

## REMARKS

08-08 MOORED PORTSIDE TO THE PIER, BERTH 44 AT GIBRALTER, UNITED KINGDOM WITH STAND MOORING LINES DOUBLED AND WIRES FORE AND AFT RECEIVING TELEPHONE SERVICES FROM THE PIER. SHIP IN CONDITION WATCH FIVE WITH MATERIAL CONDITION YOKE SET. OTHER SHIPS PRESENT INCLUDE U.S.S. NOTABLE (MSO-460) OF THE U.S. ATLANTIC FLEET AND UNITS OF THE BRITISH NAVY. SOPR IS COMINEDIV 85. 0745 MUSTERED THE CREW AT QUARTERS. ABSENTEES: NONE

B.R. *[Signature]*  
BR. MOFFETT, LTJG, USN.

EXAMINED

*[Signature]* U. S. N. NAVIGATOR

TO BE FORWARDED TO THE BUREAU OF NAVAL PERSONNEL AT THE END OF EACH MONTH  
W. F. ELWOOD, JR. LT. USN

DECK LOG—REMARKS SHEET

USS

*Abilene (MSO-519)*

DATE

*SATURDAY 17 AUG. 1968*  
(Day) (Date) (Month)

REMARKS—CONTINUED

*08-24 MONROE AS BEFORE.*

*J. F. VANDS  
J. F. VANDS, LTJG, USNR*

EXAMINED:

*W. F. Elwood, Jr.*

U. S. N. NAVIGATOR

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W. F. ELWOOD, JR., LT., USN

DECK LOG—REMARKS SHEET

0105-904-1020

USS ABILITY (USO 579) ZONE DESCRIPTION -1A DATE SUNDAY 18 AUGUST 19 68  
(Day) (Date) (Month)  
AT/PASSAGE FROM GIBRALTAR, UNITED KINGDOM

| POSITION | ZONE     | TIME |
|----------|----------|------|
| 0800     |          |      |
| L _____  | BY _____ |      |
| λ _____  | BY _____ |      |

| POSITION | ZONE     | TIME |
|----------|----------|------|
| 1200     |          |      |
| L _____  | BY _____ |      |
| λ _____  | BY _____ |      |

| POSITION | ZONE     | TIME |
|----------|----------|------|
| 2000     |          |      |
| L _____  | BY _____ |      |
| λ _____  | BY _____ |      |

LEGEND: 1-CELESTIAL  
2-ELECTRONIC  
3-VISUAL  
4-D. R.

REMARKS

00-08 MOORED PORT SIDE TO THE PIER, BERTH 44 AT GIBRALTAR, UNITED KINGDOM WITH STANDARD MOORING LINES DOUBLED AND WIRES OUT FORE AND AFT. RECEIVING WATER AND TELEPHONE SERVICES FROM THE PIER. SHIP IN CONDITION WATCH FIVE WITH QUARTERIAL CONDITION YOKES SET. OTHER SHIPS PRESENT INCLUDE VARIOUS UNITS OF THE BRITISH NAVY. SOPA IS COMING IN 85. 0145 MUSTERED THE CREW ON STATION. ABSENCES: NONE.

*W. F. Elwood Jr.*  
W. F. ELWOOD, JR., LT., USN

EXAMINED

*W. F. Elwood Jr.*

U. S. N. NAVIGATOR

TO BE FORWARDED TO THE BUREAU OF NAVAL PERSONNEL AT THE END OF EACH MONTH

W. F. ELWOOD, JR., LT., USN

DECK LOG—REMARKS SHEET

USS ABILITY (MSO-519)

DATE Sunday 18 August 19 68  
(Day) (Date) (Month)

REMARKS—CONTINUED

08-24 MOORED AS BEFORE.

C. D. Herscher

C. D. ITERSCHER, LTJG USN

EXAMINED:

*[Signature]*

U. S. N. NAVIGATOR

TO BE FORWARDED TO THE BUREAU OF NAVAL PERSONNEL AT THE END OF EACH MONTH

W. F. ELWOOD, JR., LT. USN

# DECK LOG—REMARKS SHEET

0105-904-1020

USS ABILITY (MSO-519) ZONE DESCRIPTION -1A DATE Monday 19 August 19 68  
(Day) (Date) (Month)  
AT/PASSAGE FROM GIBRALTER UNITED TO KINGDOM

| POSITION | ZONE     | TIME |
|----------|----------|------|
| 0800     |          |      |
| L _____  | BY _____ |      |
| λ _____  | BY _____ |      |

| POSITION | ZONE     | TIME |
|----------|----------|------|
| 1200     |          |      |
| L _____  | BY _____ |      |
| λ _____  | BY _____ |      |

| POSITION | ZONE     | TIME |
|----------|----------|------|
| 2000     |          |      |
| L _____  | BY _____ |      |
| λ _____  | BY _____ |      |

LEGEND: 1-CELESTIAL  
2-ELECTRONIC  
3-VISUAL  
4-D. R.

## REMARKS

ΦΦ-Φ8 MOORED PORTSIDE TO THE PIER, BERTH 44 AT  
GIBRALTER, UNITED KINGDOM WITH STANDARD MOORING  
LINES DOUBLED AND WIRES EXTENDED FORWARD AND  
AFT, RECEIVING MISCELLANEOUS SERVICES FROM THE PIER.  
SHIP IN CONDITION WATCH FIVE WITH MATERIAL CONDITION  
YOKE SET. OTHER SHIPS PRESENT INCLUDE VARIOUS UNITS  
OF THE BRITISH NAVY. SOPA IS COMINERIV 84. Φ745  
MUSTERED THE CREW AT QUARTERS. ABSENTEES: NONE

C.D. Herscher,

C.D. HERSCHER, LTJG USN

EXAMINED

*W. F. Elwood, Jr.*

U. S. N. NAVIGATOR

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W. F. ELWOOD, JR. LT. USN

DECK LOG—REMARKS SHEET

USS ABILITY (MISO-519)

DATE MONDAY 19 AUG. 19 68  
(Day) (Date) (Month)

REMARKS—CONTINUED

OP-24 MOORED AS BEFORE.

B.R. Moffett  
BR. MOFFETT, LTJG, U.S.N.

EXAMINED:

W. F. Edwards

U. S. N. NAVIGATOR

# DECK LOG—REMARKS SHEET

0105-904-1020

USS ABILITY (MSC-519) ZONE DESCRIPTION -1A DATE TUESDAY 20 AUG. 19 68  
(Day) (Date) (Month)  
AT/PASSAGE FROM GIBRALTER, UNITED -TO KINGDOM

| POSITION | ZONE     | TIME |
|----------|----------|------|
| 0800     |          |      |
| L _____  | BY _____ |      |
| λ _____  | BY _____ |      |

| POSITION | ZONE     | TIME |
|----------|----------|------|
| 1200     |          |      |
| L _____  | BY _____ |      |
| λ _____  | BY _____ |      |

| POSITION | ZONE     | TIME |
|----------|----------|------|
| 2000     |          |      |
| L _____  | BY _____ |      |
| λ _____  | BY _____ |      |

LEGEND: 1-CELESTIAL  
2-ELECTRONIC  
3-VISUAL  
4-D. R.

## REMARKS

~~00-00~~ MOORED PORTSIDE TO THE PIER, BERTH 44 AT GIBRALTER, UNITED KINGDOM WITH STANDARD MOORING LINES DOUBLED AND WIRES FORE AND AFT. RECEIVING TELEPHONE SERVICES FROM THE PIER. SHIP IN CONDITION WATCH FIVE WITH MATERIAL CONDITION YOKE SET. OTHER SHIPS PRESENT INCLUDE UNITS OF THE BRITISH NAVY. SOPA IS COMINEDIV AS. 0745 MUSTERED THE CREW AT QUARTERS. ABSENTEES: NONE

BR. W. F. Elwood  
BR. MOFFETT, LTJG, U.S.N.

EXAMINED

W. F. Elwood

U. S. N. NAVIGATOR

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W. F. ELWOOD, JR. LT. USN

DECK LOG—REMARKS SHEET

USS

*Ability (USO-579)*

DATE

*Tuesday 20 Aug. 1968*  
(Day) (Date) (Month)

REMARKS—CONTINUED

*08-24 MOORED AS BEFORE. 1032 U.S. NOTABLE (USO-460)  
MOORED STARBOARD SIDE THIS SHIP.*

*J. H. VANDS, Ltjg, USNR*

EXAMINED:

*W. F. Elwood Jr.*

U. S. N. NAVIGATOR

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W. F. ELWOOD, JR. LT. USN

LEGEND: 1-CELESTIAL  
2-ELECTRONIC  
3-VISUAL  
4-D. R.

00-08 MOORED IN A NEST OF TWO SHIPS PORTSIDE TO THE PIER  
BERTH 44 AT GIBRALTAR, UNITED KINGDOM WITH STANDARD  
MOORING LINES DOUBLED AND WIRROPS OUT FORE AND AFT.  
U.S.S. NOTABLE (USO-460) MOORED OUTBOARD TO STARBOARD  
THIS SHIP. RECEIVING WATER AND TELEPHONE SERVICES  
FROM THE PIER. SHIP IN CONDITION WATCH FIVE WITH  
MATERIAL CONDITION YOKESSE. OTHER SHIPS PRESENT  
INCLUDE VARIOUS UNITS OF THE ROYAL NAVY. SOFA  
IS COMING DUES. CTS MUSTERED THE CREW  
AT QUARTERS, ABSENTEES: NONE.

✓ 6. Friends  
✓ 7. Votados, F(19), USNR

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W. F. ELWOOD, JR. LT. USA

DECK LOG—REMARKS SHEET

USS ABILITY (MSC-519)

DATE WEDNESDAY 21 AUGUST, 19 68  
(Day) (Date) (Month)

REMARKS—CONTINUED

08-24 MOORED AS BEFORE. 1630 HELD FIRE DRILL.  
1642 SECURED FROM FIRE DRILL.

C.P. Herscher

C.P. HERSCHER, LTJG

EXAMINED:

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W. F. ELWOOD, JR. LT. USN

DECK LOG—REMARKS SHEET

0105-904-1020

USS ABILITY (MSO-519) ZONE DESCRIPTION -1A DATE Thursday 22 August 19 68  
(Day) (Date) (Month)  
AT/PASSAGE FROM GIBRALTER, UNITED TO KINGDOM

| POSITION | ZONE     | TIME |
|----------|----------|------|
| 0800     |          |      |
| L _____  | BY _____ |      |
| λ _____  | BY _____ |      |

| POSITION | ZONE     | TIME |
|----------|----------|------|
| 1200     |          |      |
| L _____  | BY _____ |      |
| λ _____  | BY _____ |      |

| POSITION | ZONE     | TIME |
|----------|----------|------|
| 2000     |          |      |
| L _____  | BY _____ |      |
| λ _____  | BY _____ |      |

LEGEND: 1-CELESTIAL  
2-ELECTRONIC  
3-VISUAL  
4-D. R.

REMARKS

ΦΦ-Φ8 MOORED IN A NEST OF TWO SHIPS PORTSIDE TO THE PIER, BERTH 44 AT GIBRALTER, UNITED KINGDOM WITH STANDARD MOORING LINES DOUBLED AND WIRES EXTENDED FORWARD AND AFT. USS NOTABLE (MSO-46Φ) IS MOORED OUTBOARD TO STARBOARD. RECEIVING MISCELLANEOUS SERVICES FROM THE PIER. SHIP IS IN CONDITION WATCH FIVE WITH MATERIAL CONDITION YOKE SET. OTHER SHIPS PRESENT INCLUDE VARIOUS UNITS OF THE ROYAL NAVY AND VARIOUS MERCHANT VESSELS. SOPA IS COMINEDIV 85. Φ745 MUSTERED THE CREW AT QUARTERS. ABSENTEES: NONE.

C.D. Herscher  
C.D. HERSCHER, LTJG USN

EXAMINED

*W. F. Edwood, Jr.*  
U. S. N. NAVIGATOR

TO BE FORWARDED TO THE BUREAU OF NAVAL PERSONNEL AT THE END OF EACH MONTH

W. F. EDWOOD, JR., LTJG, USN

DECK LOG—REMARKS SHEET

USS ABILITY (MISO-519)

DATE THURSDAY 22 AUG 19 68  
(Day) (Date) (Month)

REMARKS—CONTINUED

08-24 MOORED AS BEFORE.

B.R. Moffett  
B.R. MOFFETT, LTJG, U.S.N.

EXAMINED:

W. F. Elwood Jr.

U. S. N. NAVIGATOR

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W. F. ELWOOD, JR. LT. USN

# DECK LOG—REMARKS SHEET

0105-904-1020

USS ABILITY (MSO-519) ZONE DESCRIPTION -1A DATE FRIDAY 23 AUGUST 19 64  
(Day) (Date) (Month)  
AT/PASSAGE FROM GIBRALTER UNITED TO KINGDOM

| POSITION            | ZONE                 | TIME |
|---------------------|----------------------|------|
| 0800                |                      |      |
| L <u>          </u> | BY <u>          </u> |      |
| λ <u>          </u> | BY <u>          </u> |      |

| POSITION           | ZONE        | TIME |
|--------------------|-------------|------|
| 1200               |             |      |
| L <u>36° 06.7N</u> | BY <u>3</u> |      |
| λ <u>05° 04.8W</u> | BY <u>3</u> |      |

| POSITION           | ZONE        | TIME |
|--------------------|-------------|------|
| 2000               |             |      |
| L <u>36° 20.3N</u> | BY <u>2</u> |      |
| λ <u>03° 16.4W</u> | BY <u>2</u> |      |

LEGEND: 1-CELESTIAL  
2-ELECTRONIC  
3-VISUAL  
4-D. R.

## REMARKS

08-08 MOORED IN A NEST OF TWO SHIPS PORTSIDE TO THE PIER BERTH 44 AT GIBRALTER UNITED KINGDOM WITH STANDARD MOORING LINES DOUBLED AND WIRES FORE AND AFT. USS NOTABLE (MSO-460) MOORED OUTBOARD TO STARBOARD. RECEIVING TELEPHONE SERVICES FROM THE PIER. SHIP IN CONDITION WATCH FIVE WITH MATERIAL CONDITION YOKE SET. OTHER SHIPS PRESENT INCLUDE VARIOUS UNITS OF THE ROYAL NAVY. SOPA IS COMINEDIV JS. 0745 MUSTERED THE CREW AT QUARTERS. ABSENTEES: NONE.

BR. Moffitt  
BR. MOFFITT, LTJG, USN

08-12 MOORED AS BEFORE. 0830 COMMENCED PREPARATIONS FOR GETTING UNDERWAY. SET MATERIAL CONDITION YOKE. 0940 STATIONED THE SPECIAL SEA DETAIL. 0950 COMPLETED ALL PREPARATIONS FOR GETTING UNDERWAY. DRAFT: FORWARD 11'0", AFT 10'6". 1011 UNDERWAY FOR SEA AS A UNIT OF TASK GROUP 61.9 IN ACCORDANCE WITH COMSIXINFLT QUARTERLY OPERATIONS SCHEDULE. MANEUVERING TO CLEAR THE ANCHORAGE. CAPTAIN ON THE BRIDGE, NAVIGATOR AT THE CONN. 1020 STEERING VARIOUS COURSES AT VARIOUS SPEEDS STANDING OUT OF GIBRALTAR HARBOR. 1026 OOD WAS GIVEN THE CONN. SPEED 10.5 KTS. 1022 STEERING COURSE 175° T. 1025 SECURED THE SPECIAL SEA DETAIL, SET THE REGULAR STEERING WATCH. 1034 C/C 113° T. 1041 C/C 082° T.

C.D. Herscher  
C.D. HERSCHER, LTJG USN

EXAMINED

*W. F. Elwood, Jr.*

U. S. N. NAVIGATOR

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W. F. ELWOOD, JR. LT. USN

DECK LOG—REMARKS SHEET

USS

DATE FRIDAY 23 AUGUST 19 68  
(Day) (Date) (Month)

REMARKS—CONTINUED

12-16 UNDERWAY AS BEFORE. 1308 COMMENCED  
BATHY THERMOGRAPH DROP 1315 SECURED BATHY THERMOGRAPH  
DROP.

*[Signature]*  
V. H. VANDS (+C) USNR

16-20 UNDERWAY AS BEFORE.

*[Signature]*  
J. R. VANDS (+C) USNR

20-24 UNDERWAY AS BEFORE.

*[Signature]*  
V. H. VANDS (+C) USNR

EXAMINED:

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W. F. EDWOOD, JR., LT. USN

DECK LOG—REMARKS SHEET

0105-904-1020

USS ABILITY (MSO-519) ZONE DESCRIPTION -1A DATE SATURDAY 24 AUGUST 19 68  
(Day) (Date) (Month)  
AT/PASSAGE FROM GIBRALTAR, UNITED KINGDOM TO PALMA, MALLOCA

| POSITION          | ZONE        | TIME |
|-------------------|-------------|------|
| 0800              |             |      |
| L <u>37°15.7N</u> | BY <u>2</u> |      |
| λ <u>01°03.9W</u> | BY <u>2</u> |      |

| POSITION          | ZONE        | TIME |
|-------------------|-------------|------|
| 1200              |             |      |
| L <u>37°23.8N</u> | BY <u>2</u> |      |
| λ <u>01°00.0W</u> | BY <u>2</u> |      |

| POSITION          | ZONE        | TIME |
|-------------------|-------------|------|
| 2000              |             |      |
| L <u>37°20.2N</u> | BY <u>2</u> |      |
| λ <u>00°08.3W</u> | BY <u>2</u> |      |

LEGEND: 1-CELESTIAL  
2-ELECTRONIC  
3-VISUAL  
4-D. R.

REMARKS

00-04 STEAMING IN FORMATION 1 WITH U.S.S. ABILITY (MSO-519) IN STATION ONE AS GUIDE, U.S.S. NOTABLE (MSO-460) IN STATION TWO. FORMATION COURSE IS 082° FORMATION SPEED IS 11 KNOTS. SOPA IS COMINEDIV 85 EMBARKED THIS VESSEL. OTC IS COMINEDIV 85. CONDITION OF READINESS FOUR. WITH MATERIAL CONDITION YOKE SET. 0120 C/C 0440Z.

*[Signature]*  
J. H. VAIDS, LTJG, USNR

04-08 UNDERWAY AS BEFORE. 0707 CHANGED COURSE TO 015°T, BASE SPEED 8 KNOTS.

*[Signature]*  
BR. MOFFETT, LTJG, USN

08-12 UNDERWAY AS BEFORE. 0934 STEERING VARIOUS COURSES AND SPEEDS WHILE PUTTING MOTOR WHALE BOAT IN THE WATER. 1100 MR. DAVID HAWSE, NAUOCEANO REPRESENTATIVE, EMBARKED FOR OPERATION FLOOD. STEERING VARIOUS COURSES AND VARIOUS SPEED WHILE RECOVERING MOTOR WHALE BOAT. 1006 SECURED FROM MOTOR WHALE BOAT DRILLS.

*[Signature]*  
C. D. HERSCHER, LTJG, USN

EXAMINED

*[Signature]*  
W. F. ELWOOD, JR., LT, USN

U. S. N. NAVIGATOR

TO BE FORWARDED TO THE BUREAU OF NAVAL PERSONNEL AT THE END OF EACH MONTH

W. F. ELWOOD, JR., LT, USN

DECK LOG—REMARKS SHEET

USS ABILITY (MSD-519)

DATE SATURDAY 24 AUGUST 19 68  
(Day) (Date) (Month)

REMARKS—CONTINUED

12-16 UNDERWAY AS BEFORE. 1250 C/C 090°. 1300 C/S 0 KNOTS. 1300 COMMENCED PROJECT FLOOD OPERATIONS. 1351 SECURED PROJECT FLOOD OPERATIONS. 1351 C/C 090° C/S 2.5 KNOTS. 1403 C/S 8 KNOTS. 1406 C/C 091°.

✓ 1/4 VANDS  
✓ 1/4 VANDS, HC(9), USNR

16-20 UNDERWAY AS BEFORE.

J.K. CHOGE LTJG USNR

20-24 UNDERWAY AS BEFORE. 2103 C/C 010° T, C/S 0 KNOTS. 2105 COMMENCED PROJECT FLOOD OPERATIONS. 2145 SECURED PROJECT FLOOD OPERATIONS. C/C 025° T C/S 6 KNOTS. 2151 C/S 2 KNOTS. 2315 C/S 8 KNOTS.

C.D. Herscher  
C.D. HERSCHER, LTJG USN

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W. F. ELWOOD, JR. LT. USN

# DECK LOG—REMARKS SHEET

0105-904-1020

USS ABILITY (MSO-519) ZONE DESCRIPTION -1A DATE SUNDAY 25 AUG 19 68  
(Day) (Date) (Month)  
AT/PASSAGE FROM GIBRALTER, UNITED KINGDOM PALMA, MALLORCA

| POSITION                      | ZONE | TIME |
|-------------------------------|------|------|
| 0800                          |      |      |
| L <u>38°18.7N</u> BY <u>2</u> |      |      |
| λ <u>00°34.5E</u> BY <u>2</u> |      |      |

| POSITION                      | ZONE | TIME |
|-------------------------------|------|------|
| 1200                          |      |      |
| L <u>38°40.9N</u> BY <u>2</u> |      |      |
| λ <u>00°47.2E</u> BY <u>2</u> |      |      |

| POSITION                      | ZONE | TIME |
|-------------------------------|------|------|
| 2000                          |      |      |
| L <u>39°00.9N</u> BY <u>3</u> |      |      |
| λ <u>00°20.0E</u> BY <u>3</u> |      |      |

LEGEND: 1-CELESTIAL  
2-ELECTRONIC  
3-VISUAL  
4-D. R.

## REMARKS

00-04 STEERING IN A MODIFIED INDEPENDENT LINE  
ABREAST TO STARBOARD FORMATION. WITH U.S.S. ABILITY  
(MSO-519) AS GUIDE IN STATION ONE, U.S.S. NOTABLE  
(MSO-460) IN STATION TWO, AND U.S.S. SALUTE (MSO-470)  
IN STATION THREE, ENROUTE FROM GIBRALTER UNITED KINGDOM  
TO PALMA, MALLORCA IN ACCORDANCE WITH CINCLANTFLT  
QUARTERLY OPERATIONS SCHEDULE. BASE COURSE 025°T, BASE  
SPEED 6 KNOTS. SOPA IS COMINEDIV AS EMBARKED THIS  
VESSEL. QTC IS COMINEDIV AS. CONDITION OF READINESS  
FOUR AND MATERIAL CONDITION YOKE SET. 0050 COMMENCED  
BT DROP. 0145 COMPLETED BT DROP.

*B.R. Moffett*  
B.R. MOFFETT, LT(JG), U.S.N.

04-08 UNDERWAY AS BEFORE. 0500 COMMENCED PROJECT  
FLOOD OPERATIONS. 0546 SECURED FROM PROJECT FLOOD  
OPERATIONS 0549 C/C 025°, C/S 8 KTS.

*J. H. Vands*  
J. H. VANDS, LTJG, USN

08-12 UNDERWAY AS BEFORE. 0818 C/S 7 KNOTS. 0859  
C/C 340°T. 0901 C/S 0 KNOTS. 0904 COMMENCED PROJECT  
FLOOD OPERATIONS. 0940 SECURED FROM PROJECT FLOOD OPERATIONS  
C/C 025°T, C/S 5.5 KNOTS.

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C. D. HERSCHER, LTJG USN

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USS ABILITY (M50-519)

DATE 25 AUGUST SUNDAY 19 68  
(Day) (Date) (Month)

REMARKS—CONTINUED

12-16 UNDERWAY AS BEFORE. 1249C  $\phi 36^{\circ}$ T. 13 $\phi\phi$  C/S  $\phi$  KNOTS  
1352 C/S 5 KNOTS C/C  $288^{\circ}$ T.

*J. H. Sands*  
J. H. SANDS, LTJG, USNR

16-24 UNDERWAY AS BEFORE.

*J. H. Sands*  
J. H. SANDS, LTJG, USNR

20-24 UNDERWAY AS BEFORE. 2159 COMMENCED BT  
DROP. 2215 COMPLETED BT DROP. 2219 MANEUVERING TO  
GET ON BASE COURSE  $000^{\circ}$ T. BASE SPEED 6 KNOTS.  
2234 CHANGED COURSE TO  $002^{\circ}$ T.

*B. R. Moffett*  
B. R. MOFFETT, LTJG, U.S.N.

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U. S. N. NAVIGATOR

DECK LOG—REMARKS SHEET

0105-904-1020

USS ABILITY (USO-519) ZONE DESCRIPTION -1A DATE Monday 26 Aug 1968  
AT/PASSAGE FROM GIBRALTAR, UNITED KINGDOM TO PALMA, MALLORCA

| POSITION          | ZONE        | TIME |
|-------------------|-------------|------|
| 0800              |             |      |
| L <u>40°05.3N</u> | BY <u>2</u> |      |
| λ <u>00°18.8E</u> | BY <u>2</u> |      |

| POSITION          | ZONE        | TIME |
|-------------------|-------------|------|
| 1200              |             |      |
| L <u>39°42.9N</u> | BY <u>2</u> |      |
| λ <u>00°09.2E</u> | BY <u>2</u> |      |

| POSITION          | ZONE        | TIME |
|-------------------|-------------|------|
| 2000              |             |      |
| L <u>39°02.8N</u> | BY <u>2</u> |      |
| λ <u>00°09.3E</u> | BY <u>2</u> |      |

LEGEND: 1-CELESTIAL  
2-ELECTRONIC  
3-VISUAL  
4-D. R.

REMARKS

00-04 STREAMING IN A MODIFIED INDEPENDENT LINE  
A BRGAST FORMATION WITH U.S.S. ABILITY (USO-519) IN  
STATION ONE, U.S.S. NOTABLE (USO-460) IN STATION TWO  
U.S.S. SALUTE (USO-470) IN STATION FOUR, AND U.S.S. RIVA (USO-468)  
STREAMING INDEPENDENT OF FORMATION WHILE CONDUCTING  
PROJECT FLOOD OPERATION. FORMATION COURSE IS 000°.  
FORMATION SPEED 6 KTS. SOPA IS COMING ON BY  
EMBARKED THIS VESSEL. OTC IS COMING ON BY. CONDITION  
OF READINESS FOUR WITH MATERIAL CONDITION YORG 507.

*[Signature]*  
V. H. VAUDS, (RIS), USNR

04-08 UNDERWAY AS BEFORE. 0403 COMMENCED  
OCEANOGRAPHIC OBSERVATIONS. 0412 SECURED FROM  
OCEANOGRAPHIC OBSERVATIONS. C/C 350°, C/S 8.5 KTS. 0444  
COMMENCED STEERING VARIOUS COURSES AT VARIOUS SPEEDS  
WHILE REGAINING STATION. 0703 COMMENCED OCEANOGRAPHIC  
OBSERVATIONS. 0705 SECURED FROM OCEANOGRAPHIC OBSERVATION  
C/C 000°, C/S 6 KTS.

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C. D. HERSCHER, LTJG USN

08-12 UNDERWAY AS BEFORE. 0835 C/C 208° T 0854  
C/S 8 KNOTS. 0855 C/C 110° T. 0901 C/S 10 KNOTS.  
0906 C/C 180° T. 0917 C/C 220° T. 0923 C/C 280° T  
0930 C/C 225° T. 0939 C/C 210° T, C/S 6 KNOTS.  
1030 COMMENCED PROJECT FLOOD OPERATIONS. C/S 0 KNOTS.  
1044 SECURED PROJECT FLOOD OPERATIONS. C/C 180° T. C/S 7  
KNOTS.

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C. D. HERSCHER, LTJG USN

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USS ABILITY (MISO-519)

DATE MONDAY 26 AUGUST 1968  
(Day) (Date) (Month)

REMARKS—CONTINUED

12-16 UNDERWAY AS BEFORE. 1208 C/C 178°T 1243 C/C 177°T  
1328 C/C 176°T 1429 C/S 4 KNOTS COMMENCED PROJECT  
FLOOD OPERATIONS. 1501 SECURED PROJECT FLOOD OPERATIONS  
C/S 4 KNOTS C/C 176°T. 1503 C/C 180°T

*W. J. Masterson*  
W. J. MASTERSON, ENS. USNR

16-20 UNDERWAY AS BEFORE

*J. R. Jacob*  
J. R. JACOB, DTG USNR

20-24 UNDERWAY AS BEFORE. 2030 C/C 331, SPEED 6 kts. 2330  
COMMENCED PROJECT FLOOD OPERATIONS 2304 SECURED  
PROJECT FLOOD OPERATIONS. 2305 C/C 330 C/S 7 kts.

*V. H. Spuds*  
V. H. SPUDS, LTJG, USNR

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# DECK LOG—REMARKS SHEET

0105-904-1020

USS ABILITY (MSO-519) ZONE DESCRIPTION -1A DATE TUESDAY 27 MONDAY 26 AUGUST 19 68  
(Day) (Date) (Month)  
AT/PASSAGE FROM GIBRALTER, UNITED KINGDOM DALMA, MALLORCA

| POSITION                       | ZONE | TIME |
|--------------------------------|------|------|
| 0800                           |      |      |
| L <u>39°56.3'N</u> BY <u>2</u> |      |      |
| λ <u>00°14.2'E</u> BY <u>2</u> |      |      |

| POSITION                       | ZONE | TIME |
|--------------------------------|------|------|
| 1200                           |      |      |
| L <u>40°06.0'N</u> BY <u>2</u> |      |      |
| λ <u>00°21.9'E</u> BY <u>2</u> |      |      |

| POSITION                       | ZONE | TIME |
|--------------------------------|------|------|
| 2000                           |      |      |
| L <u>39°27.7'N</u> BY <u>2</u> |      |      |
| λ <u>00°07.3'W</u> BY <u>2</u> |      |      |

LEGEND: 1-CELESTIAL  
2-ELECTRONIC  
3-VISUAL  
4-D. R.

## REMARKS

00-04 STEAMING IN A MODIFIED INDEPENDENT LINE  
ABREAST FORMATION WITH U.S.S. ABILITY (MSO-519) IN  
STATION ONE, U.S.S. NOTABLE (MSO-460) IN STATION TWO,  
U.S.S. SALUTE (MSO-470) IN STATION FOUR, U.S.S. RIVAL (MSO-468)  
IN STATION THREE WHILE CONDUCTING PROJECT FLOOD  
OPERATIONS. FORMATION COURSE IS 030°. FORMATION SPEED  
IS 6 KNOTS. SOPA IS COMINERIV 85 EMBARKED  
THIS VESSEL. OTC IS COMINERIV 85. CONDITION OF  
READINESS FOUR, WITH MATERIAL CONDITION YOKO  
SET. 0150 C/C 027° C/S 7 KNOTS. 0217 C/C 030°  
0230 C/S 0 KNOTS COMMENCED PROJECT FLOOD DROP.  
0243 COMPLETED PROJECT FLOOD DROP 0244 C/S 8 KNOTS  
0244 C/C 030° 0247 C/S 7 KNOTS

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J. H. HANDS, (+CIS), USNR

04-04 UNDERWAY AS BEFORE. 0416 C/C 031° 0533 C/C  
033° 0552 C/C 035° 0646 COMMENCED BT DROP.  
0650 SECURED FROM BT DROP. 0702 C/C 060° 0706 C/S  
7 KNOTS. 0710 C/C 050° 0713 C/C 030°

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B.R. MOFFETT, LTJG, USN

08-12 UNDERWAY AS BEFORE. 0723 C/C 030° 0822  
C/C 028° 0923 SET LIGHT LINE DETAIL, COMMENCED  
LIGHT LINE TRANSFER WITH U.S.S. RIVAL AND U.S.S.  
NOTABLE. 1104 SECURED LIGHT LINE TRANSFER. 1107  
C/S 2 KNOTS. 1110 C/C 227° 1130 C/S 4 KNOTS.

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J. H. HANDS, (+CIS), USNR

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DECK LOG—REMARKS SHEET

USS ABILITY (MSO-519)

DATE TUESDAY 27 AUGUST 1968  
(Day) (Date) (Month)

REMARKS—CONTINUED

12-16 UNDERWAY AS BEFORE. 1204 C/C 230° T.  
C/S 4 KNOTS. 1225 C/C 180° T. 1250 C/S 1.5 KNOTS  
1259 COMMENCED PROJECT FLOOD OPERATIONS. 1326  
C/C 210° T. C/S 8 KNOTS. 1357 C/C 210° T. 1400 COMMENCED  
GENERAL QUARTERS DRILL. 1449 SECURED FROM GENERAL  
QUARTERS DRILL. 1455 C/C 208° T. 1513 ~~210° T.~~ C/C 206° T. <sup>RES</sup><sub>CD</sub>

C. D. Herscher

C. D. HERSCHER, LTJG USN

16-20 UNDERWAY AS BEFORE.

J. C. LANGE LTJG USN

20-24 UNDERWAY AS BEFORE. 2005 C/C 200° T. 2018 C/C 151° 2120 C/C  
147° 2158 C/S 0 KNOTS. COMMENCED PROJECT FLOOD DROP.  
2231 SECURED PROJECT FLOOD DROP. C/C 151° C/S 8.5 KNOTS.

C. D. Herscher

CARL D. HERSCHER, LTJG USN

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U. S. N. NAVIGATOR

DECK LOG—REMARKS SHEET

0105-904-1020

USS Ability (MSO-519) ZONE DESCRIPTION -1A DATE Wednesday 28 Aug. 1968  
(Day) (Date) (Month)  
AT/PASSAGE FROM GIBRALTAR, UNITED KINGDOM TO PALMA, MALLORCA

| POSITION     | ZONE | TIME |
|--------------|------|------|
| 0800         |      |      |
| L 39° 30.7'N | BY 2 |      |
| λ 00° 09.0'E | BY 2 |      |

| POSITION     | ZONE | TIME |
|--------------|------|------|
| 1200         |      |      |
| L 39° 57.3'N | BY 2 |      |
| λ 00° 13.0'E | BY 2 |      |

| POSITION     | ZONE | TIME |
|--------------|------|------|
| 2000         |      |      |
| L 39° 34.4'N | BY 2 |      |
| λ 00° 20.0'E | BY 2 |      |

LEGEND: 1-CELESTIAL  
2-ELECTRONIC  
3-VISUAL  
4-D. R.

REMARKS

08-04 STEERING IN A MODIFIED INDEPENDENT LINE ABREAST TO STARBOARD FORMATION WITH USS. ABILITY (MSO-519) AS GUIDE IN STATION ONE, USS. NOTABLE (MSO-468) IN STATION TWO, USS. SALUTE (MSO-478) IN STATION THREE, EN ROUTE FROM GIBRALTAR UNITED KINGDOM TO PALMA, MALLORCA, IN ACCORDANCE WITH CINCLANTFLT QUARTERLY OPERATIONS SCHEDULE. BASE COURSE 181°T, BASE SPEED 6 KNOTS. SOPA IS COMINEDIV AS EMBARKED THIS VESSEL. OTC IS COMINEDIV AS. CONDITION OF READINESS FOUR AND MATERIAL CONDITION YOKE SET. 0102 COMMENCED BT DROP. 0132 COMPLETED BT DROP. 0134 MANEUVERING TO COME TO NEW BASE COURSE 000°T

BR. W. F. ELWOOD  
BR. MUFFETT, LT(JG), USN

04-08 UNDERWAY AS BEFORE. 0413 COMMENCED PROJECT FLOOD OPERATION. 0502 SECURED FROM PROJECT FLOOD OPERATION. 0509 C/C 000. C/S 8 KTS. 0702 COMMENCED PROJECT FLOOD OPERATIONS. 0744 SECURED FROM PROJECT FLOOD OPERATIONS

V. H. VAHDS  
V. H. VAHDS, (TC), USNR

08-12 UNDERWAY AS BEFORE 0731 C/S 6.5 KNOTS. 0803 C/S 9 KNOTS. 0850 C/C 358°T 0958 C/S 0 KNOTS. COMMENCE PROJECT FLOOD DROP. 1031 SECURED PROJECT FLOOD DROP. C/S 7.5 KNOTS. C/C 000°T 1125 C/C 030° C/S 8 KNOTS.

W. S. MASTERSON  
W. S. MASTERSON ENS. USNR

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DECK LOG—REMARKS SHEET

USS ABILITY (MSO-519)

DATE WEDNESDAY 28 Dec 19 68  
(Day) (Date) (Month)

REMARKS—CONTINUED

12-16 UNDERWAY AS BEFORE. 1202 C/S 6 KNOTS. 1230 C/C 030° T. 1300 COMMENCED PROJECT FLOOD OPERATIONS. 1319 SECURED PROJECT FLOOD OPERATIONS. C/C 020° T. C/S 8 KNOTS. 1400 C/C 085° T. 1410 C/C 093° T. 1414 C/S 1 KNOT. 1416 SET THE LIGHT-LINE DETAIL. COMMENCED PREPARATIONS FOR LIGHT-LINE TRANSFER FROM USS NOTABLE (MSO-460). MANEUVERING TO TAKE STATION 500 YARDS AHEAD OF USS NOTABLE. REPLENISHMENT COURSE 180° T. SPEED 7 KNOTS. 1444 FIRST LINE OVER. 1445 COMMENCED LIGHT-LINE TRANSFER. 1447 COMM SECURED FROM TRANSFER. 1448 ALL LINES CLEAR. 1450 SECURE FROM LIGHT-LINE DETAIL. C/C 193° T. 1542 C/S 9 KNOTS.

C. P. Herscher  
C. P. HERSCHER, LTJG, USN

16-20 UNDERWAY AS BEFORE.

J. R. CAGE, LTJG, USN

20-24 UNDERWAY AS BEFORE. 2145 C/S 8 KNOTS. 2200 COMMENCED BT DROP. 2235 COMPLETED BT DROP. 2236 C/S 9 KNOTS. 2237 C/S 10 KNOTS. 2359 C/S 8 KNOTS.

R. R. Moffett  
R. R. MOFFETT, LTJG, USN

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W. F. ELWOOD, JR., LT, USN

DECK LOG—REMARKS SHEET

0105-904-1020

USS ABILITY (MSO-519) ZONE DESCRIPTION -1A DATE THURSDAY 29 AUG 19 68  
(Day) (Date) (Month)  
AT/PASSAGE FROM CEIBRALTER, UNITED KINGDOM TO PALMA MAJORCA

| POSITION              | ZONE        | TIME |
|-----------------------|-------------|------|
| 0800                  |             |      |
| L <u>39° 15' 7" N</u> | BY <u>2</u> |      |
| <u>λ 00° 33.1 E</u>   | BY <u>2</u> |      |

| POSITION              | ZONE        | TIME |
|-----------------------|-------------|------|
| 1200                  |             |      |
| L <u>39° 20' 0" N</u> | BY <u>2</u> |      |
| <u>λ 00° 06.5 E</u>   | BY <u>2</u> |      |

| POSITION             | ZONE        | TIME |
|----------------------|-------------|------|
| 2000                 |             |      |
| L <u>39° 40.6' N</u> | BY <u>2</u> |      |
| <u>λ 00° 31.0 E</u>  | BY <u>2</u> |      |

LEGEND: 1-CELESTIAL  
2-ELECTRONIC  
3-VISUAL  
4-D. R.

REMARKS

00-04 STANDING IN A MODIFIED INDEPENDENT LINE ABREAST FORMATION WITH U.S.S. ABILITY (MSO-519) IN STATION ONE, U.S.S. NOTABLE (MSO-460) IN STATION TWO, U.S.S. SALUTE (MSO-470) IN STATION THREE WHILE CONDUCTING PROJECT FLOOD OPERATIONS FORMATION COURSE 180°. FORMATION SPEED 6 KNOTS. SOPA IS COMINEDIV 85 EMBARKED THIS VESSEL. 0100 COMMENCED DROPS FOR PROJECT FLOOD OPERATIONS. 0142 SECURED FROM PROJECT FLOOD OPERATIONS. 0143 C/C 090° C/S 6 KTS. 0341 COMMENCED DROPS FOR PROJECT FLOOD OPERATION.

04-08 UNDERWAY AS BEFORE. 0438 SECURED FROM OCEANOGRAPHIC OBSERVATIONS COMMENCED STEERING VARIOUS COURSES AT VARIOUS SPEEDS. WHILE REGAINING STATION. 0701 COMMENCED OCEANOGRAPHIC OBSERVATIONS. 0750 COMPLETED OCEANOGRAPHIC OBSERVATIONS.

C.D. HERSCHER

C.D. HERSCHER, LTJG USN

08-12 UNDERWAY AS BEFORE. 0819 C/C 000° 0832 C/C 270° 0937 C/C 000° C/S 1.5 KNOTS 0959 COMMENCED PROJECT FLOOD OPERATIONS. C/S 0 KNOTS. 1035 SECURED PROJECT FLOOD DROP. C/S 9.5 KNOTS. C/C 273°

W.J. MASTERSON

W.J. MASTERSON, ENS USN

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DECK LOG—REMARKS SHEET

USS ABILITY (MSD-519)

DATE THURSDAY 29 AUG. 1968  
(Day) (Date) (Month)

REMARKS—CONTINUED

12-16 UNDERWAY AS BEFORE 1217 C/C 270° T 1304  
COMMENCED PROJECT FLOOD OPERATIONS. 1325 SECURED  
PROJECT FLOOD OPERATIONS. 1330 C/C 000° T C/S 10 KNOTS.  
1340 SET THE LIGHT LINE DETAIL. COMMENCED PREPARATIONS  
FOR LIGHT LINE TRANSFER FROM U.S.S. NOTABLE (MSD-460)  
REPLENISHMENT COURSE 000° T. SPEED 7 KNOTS. 1355 FIRST  
LINE OVER. COMMENCED LIGHT LINE TRANSFER. 1358 ALL  
LINES CLEAR. 1359 SECURE FROM LIGHT LINE  
DETAIL. 1419 C/C 358° T 1506 C/C 356° T 1513 C/S 6 KNOTS.

C. D. Herscher

C. D. HERSCHER LTJG USN

16-20 UNDERWAY AS BEFORE. 1600 COMMENCED BT DROP.  
1628 COMPLETED BT. DROP. 1632 MANEUVERING TO GET ON  
BASE COURSE 090°. 1643 C/C 091°. 1701 C/C 090° 1803  
C/C 089°. 1832 C/C 090°. 1859 COMMENCED BT DROP.  
1926 COMPLETED BT. DROP. 1933 C/C 090° T. 1945 C/C  
091°.

BR. Moffett  
BR. MOFFETT, LTJG, USN

20-24. UNDERWAY AS BEFORE. 2205 COMMENCED  
BT DROP. 2249 COMPLETED BT. DROP. 2251 C/C 080°  
C/S 10 KNOTS.

H. VANDS  
H. VANDS, LTJG, USN

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*W. F. Elwood, Jr.*

U. S. N. NAVIGATOR

# DECK LOG—REMARKS SHEET

0105-904-1020

USS ABILITY (M50-519) ZONE DESCRIPTION -1A DATE FRIDAY 30 AUGUST 19 68  
(Day) (Date) (Month)  
AT/PASSAGE FROM GIBRALTER, UNITED KINGDOM TO PALMA, MALLOCA

| POSITION             | ZONE        | TIME |
|----------------------|-------------|------|
| 0800                 |             |      |
| L <u>39° 39.3' N</u> | BY <u>2</u> |      |
| λ <u>1° 59.5' E</u>  | BY <u>2</u> |      |

| POSITION             | ZONE        | TIME |
|----------------------|-------------|------|
| 1200                 |             |      |
| L <u>39° 27.6' N</u> | BY <u>3</u> |      |
| λ <u>2° 15.5' E</u>  | BY <u>3</u> |      |

| POSITION             | ZONE        | TIME |
|----------------------|-------------|------|
| 2000                 |             |      |
| L <u>39° 02.5' N</u> | BY <u>2</u> |      |
| λ <u>2° 23.5' E</u>  | BY <u>2</u> |      |

LEGEND: 1-CELESTIAL  
2-ELECTRONIC  
3-VISUAL  
4-D. R.

## REMARKS

ΦΦ-Φ4 STEAMING IN A MODIFIED INDEPENDANT FORMATION IN COMPANY WITH UNITS OF MINEDIV 85, ENROUTE TO PALMA MALLOCA WHILE CONDUCTING PROJECT FLOOD OPERATIONS. USS NOTABLE (M50-460) IS 3 MILES TO STARBOARD, USS SALUTE (M50-470) IS 6 MILES TO STARBOARD, USS RIVAL IS STEAMING ASTERN OF THIS SHIP AT 6 MILES. ALL SHIPS ARE MANEUVERING INDEPENDENTLY IN ORDER TO MAKE OCEANOGRAPHIC OBSERVATIONS. OTC IS COMINERIN 85 EMBARKED THIS VESSAL. BASE COURSE IS Φ90 BASE SPEED IS 6 KTS. Φ105 COMMENCED OCEANOGRAPHIC OBSERVATIONS. Φ136 SECURED FROM OCEANOGRAPHIC OBSERVATIONS. C/C Φ90 C/S 8 KTS.

C.D. Herscher,  
C.D. HERSCHER, LTJG USN

Φ4-Φ8 UNDERWAY AS BEFORE. Φ4ΦΦ COMMENCED BT DROP Φ453 COMPLETED BT DROP. Φ455 MANEUVERING TO COME TO BASE COURSE Φ90. Φ501 C/C Φ88°. Φ554 C/C Φ89°, C/S 8 KTS. Φ605 C/C Φ88 KTS. Φ70Φ COMMENCED BT DROP. Φ752 COMPLETED BT DROP. Φ755 MANEUVERING TO COME TO BASE COURSE Φ90°.

B.R. Mofet,  
B.R. MOFET, LTJG USN

Φ8-12 UNDERWAY AS BEFORE. Φ806 C/C 136° T, C/S 4 KTS. Φ917 C/S 3 KTS. 1135 C/C 156° T

W.J. Masterson,  
W. J. MASTERSON, ENS USNR

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W. F. ELWOOD, JR. LT. USN

DECK LOG—REMARKS SHEET

USS ABILITY (M30-519)

DATE FRIDAY 30 AUGUST 1966  
(Day) (Date) (Month)

REMARKS—CONTINUED

12-16 UNDERWAY AS BEFORE. 1223  $\angle$  156 $^{\circ}$ T. 1332  $\angle$  160 $^{\circ}$ T  
1400 STEERING VARIOUS COURSES AT VARIOUS SPEEDS WHILE  
CONDUCTING MANEUVERING DRILLS. 1551 SECURED FROM  
MANEUVERING DRILLS. 1554  $\angle$  160 $^{\circ}$ T.  $\angle$  3.5 KTS.

C. D. Herschen  
C. D. HERSCHER, LTJG USN

16-20 UNDERWAY AS BEFORE.

J. H. Sands  
J. H. SANDS, LTJG USNR

20-24 UNDERWAY AS BEFORE. 2002  $\angle$  340 $^{\circ}$ T. 2045  $\angle$  332 $^{\circ}$ T  
2048  $\angle$  335 $^{\circ}$ T. 2058  $\angle$  325 $^{\circ}$ T. 2150  $\angle$  315 $^{\circ}$ T. 2240  $\angle$  300 $^{\circ}$ T

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0105-904-1020

USS ABILITY (MSO-519) ZONE DESCRIPTION 1A DATE SATURDAY 31 AUG 19 68  
(Day) (Date) (Month)  
AT/PASSAGE FROM GIBRALTAR, UNITED KINGDOM TO PALMA, MALLORCA

| POSITION               | ZONE        | TIME |
|------------------------|-------------|------|
| 0800                   |             |      |
| L <u>39° 30' 00" N</u> | BY <u>3</u> |      |
| λ <u>02° 38' 00" E</u> | BY <u>3</u> |      |

| POSITION | ZONE     | TIME |
|----------|----------|------|
| 1200     |          |      |
| L _____  | BY _____ |      |
| λ _____  | BY _____ |      |

| POSITION | ZONE     | TIME |
|----------|----------|------|
| 2000     |          |      |
| L _____  | BY _____ |      |
| λ _____  | BY _____ |      |

LEGEND: 1-CELESTIAL  
2-ELECTRONIC  
3-VISUAL  
4-D. R.

REMARKS

00-04 STEERING INDEPENDENTLY IN COMPANY WITH U.S.S. NOTABLE (MSO-460), U.S.S. RIVAL (MSO-468), AND U.S.S. SALUTE BRAM (MSO-470) ENROUTE FROM GIBRALTAR, UNITED KINGDOM TO PALMA, MALLORCA IN ACCORDANCE WITH CINCPACFLT QUARTERLY OPERATIONS SCHEDULE. BASE COURSES ARE 000°T AND 100°T, BASE SPEED 4 KNOTS. SOPA IS COMINEDIV AS EMBARKED THIS VESSEL. OTC IS COMINEDIV AS. CONDITION OF READINESS FOUR AND MATERIAL CONDITION YOKE SET. 0017 CHANGED COURSE TO 100°T, 0146 CHANGED COURSE TO 000°T, 0317 CHANGED COURSE TO 100°T.

BR Moffett  
BR. MOFFETT, LTJG, USN

04-08 UNDERWAY AS BEFORE. 0430 C/O 020, C/S 3 kts  
0611 U.S.S. ABILITY (MSO-519) BECOMES GUIDE, STATION ONE IN A COLUMN FORMATION. U.S.S. SALUTE (MSO-470) IN STATION TWO, U.S.S. RIVAL (MSO-468) IN STATION THREE, U.S.S. NOTABLE (MSO-460) IN STATION FOUR. STANDARD DISTANCE IS 500 YDS. 0638 C/O 025°, C/S 6 KTS. 0741 U.S.S. ABILITY DIRECTED TO STEAM INDEPENDENT.

V. H. Vandy  
V. H. VANDY, LTJG, USNR

08-12 UNDERWAY AS BEFORE. 0803 C/O 4 KTS. 0824 STATIONED THE SPECIAL SEA DETAIL. 0830 STEERING VARIOUS COURSES AT VARIOUS SPEEDS WHILE STANDING IN PALMA HARBOR ON THE ISLAND OF MALLORCA. 0832 CAPTAIN TOOK THE CONN. 0841 RECEIVED PILOT BOAT ALONG STARBOARD QUARTER. 0842 PILOT MR. BOU ON THE BRIDGE. 0854 MOORED STARBOARD SIDE TO PIER AT PALMA MALLORCA. 0907 SECURED THE SPECIAL SEA DETAIL.

C. D. Herscher  
C. D. HERSCHER LTJG USN

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DATE

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*12-24 MOORED AS BEFORE.*

*V.H. Sands  
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